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TOWN MEETING PROJECTS

The \$21-million questions

By Andrea Gregory

Some officials believe the total dollar amount Town Meeting voters will be asked to appropriate is more than Andover can afford.

Multi-million-dollar articles, several large projects and 10 requests from residents will help pack this year's annual Town Meeting with opinions and debate. As always, residents will have the final say, and

the chance to direct town officials on policy and spending. In total, voters will be asked to approve \$21,034,000 for projects, plans and purchases for FY 2006. A budget article of more than \$115 million is expected.

"I think it would be very difficult to do everything that is on the table," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

The warrant for Town Meeting closed last Friday. The town is sponsoring 56 war-

rant articles. There will also be 10 private articles from residents.

Town Meeting voters will weigh in on a number of big-ticket items such as spending \$7,650,000 to build a senior center (see page 4) and nearly \$7 million on improving water treatment and distribution (see story at right). But the list does not stop there. In total, there are 17 articles calling for the

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SNOW BANKS



While paths to homes and businesses — such as the Savings Bank on Main Street (left photo) — were buried by snow over the weekend, Andover children such as Matt Newton, 14, and Ryan Heavey, 13, were able to take advantage of the snow banks by sledding during a day off from school on Monday.



PHOTO AT LEFT BY BOB DENNIS; AT RIGHT BY JUDY WAKFIELD

Storm troopers: Locally, a quiet blizzard

By Andrea Gregory

A slippery Wednesday morning closed schools for the second time in three days, but the storm's punch paled in comparison to the Saturday-to-Sunday storm delivered by Old Man Winter.

The weekend blizzard left most Andover residents huddled in their homes or shoveling out Sunday, with kids enjoying a day off from school on Monday.

As the weekend storm began, local grocery stores were hit hard — not just by first flakes of snow but by the typical flurry of nervous New Englanders. Long lines, full carts and shoveled-out shelves were some of the indoor storm effects.

"We were very busy on Saturday," said Beth Beattie, Market Basket office manager. "It seemed like they (the people shopping) were grabbing everything."

Beattie said the store had all 10 of its registers open to keep the lines moving as quickly as

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PHOTO BY STEVE GOLDEN

Robandy Road area children enjoyed a ride on the rarely used, 14-foot, 1920s-era ripper sled owned by Steve Golden. From left, Cathleen O'Keefe, Courtney O'Keefe, Sarah Appleton, Emily Appleton, Evan Golden and Kaylah O'Keefe posed for a picture on the heavy sled, which is only useful when there is hard-packed snow, such as that left behind by plows after a heavy storm.

\$6.5 million for water

Improving filters at treatment plant

The second-most costly article residents will be asked to approve at Town Meeting this year is one they probably know nothing about yet.

Officials will ask residents to borrow \$6.5 million to improve the water-treatment plant again. They want to construct two filter units, upgrade six filters and replace the plant's backwash pumping system.

Plant

Superintendent John Pollano said this is a new project for the water department, but one that needs to be done soon. The filtering system that would be improved controls the last stage of the water-treatment process. It filters the water before it is sent down pipes to homes. There are six filters right now. Pollano said Andover should have eight, ideally, which would address the expected growth in town. Out of the six that exist, four were installed in the 1970s and two in the 1980s. After 30

years of use, filters become at risk for failure, he said.

"It's our last physical treatment in the process," said Pollano. "In the summer, peak season, we need them all."

There is also an article asking to appropriate \$300,000 through borrowing to plan and design a new pump building and wetwell at the Fish Brook pump station, which pumps water from the Merrimack

River into the town's water supply, Haggetts Pond. Last year, 1.5 billion gallons of water were drawn from the river and pushed through three miles of pipe to Haggetts Pond. The Merrimack River water level has dropped and Andover officials do not expect it to rise again naturally.

It is important for the town to have a plan in place to keep operations running smoothly, said Pollano. The design work is one of the early stages in the process, he said.

— Andrea Gregory



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

REICHOLD LAND

Fields could bloom at cleaned-up site

By Rita Savard

For years, the absence of wildlife at 77 Lowell Junction Road contributed to an eerie silence. But nearly a decade of cleanup efforts at the former Reichhold chemical plant has been stirring up the sounds of nature.

Soon, there might also be the sounds of Andover youth at play there.

Reichhold has completed part of a five-phase site cleanup required by the Department of Environmental Protection for reuse of land containing hazardous chemicals. A year or two of clean-up remains, and the town is now negotiating the

purchase of the land.

Spread out over 49.4 acres along the Shawheen River, the property could be a future spot for ball fields, hiking enjoyment and other recreational activities, says Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

Stapczynski said the town and Reichhold are discussing a phased acquisition as part of the purchase-and-sale agreement.

Twenty-two acres of the land are undeveloped and have had no known industrial activity associated with them. Andover Health Director Everett Penney said the virgin land would be a

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HEROIN ON RISE

Household drugs are gateway, warn police

By Rita Savard

Kathleen Lawrence was just like any other teenager — young and bright, with a future full of promise.

Then, during high school, Lawrence discovered the prescription drug Oxycontin. A choice that initially seemed to her like a harmless experiment marked the beginning of a young girl's long struggle with heroin abuse.

Lawrence, who aspired to work as a drug counselor, tried relentlessly to conquer the addiction, spending her young years in and out of rehabilitation

centers. In 2003, a drug overdose claimed her life at the age of 21.

"Heroin hits all walks of life," said Mike Marcoux, a guidance counselor at Andover High School.

Marcoux was one of many residents from Andover who turned out for a forum at Merrimack College earlier this month to recognize the state's swelling heroin epidemic. For Andover police, parents, teachers and school administrators such as Marcoux, stories told at the forum by the parents

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Town schools tackle under-age drinking

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 19 - At 9:14 p.m., Lynette Bragel, 40, of 26 Ashwood Ave., Wilmington, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Friday, Jan. 21 - At 11:44 a.m., Jamie, Monteiro, 38, of 18 Brattle St., Wilmington, was arrested and charged with distribution of a class D substance and possession of a class D substance.

At 3:17 p.m., Miguel Guzman, 28, of 37 Cedar St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a hypodermic needle. He also had a warrant for possession of a class B substance.

Saturday, Jan. 22 - At 8:24 p.m., Mark Champion, 24, of 1005 Westford St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor. This is his third offense.

Monday, Jan. 24 - At 5:24 a.m., Bimal Poddar, 56, of 396 South Main St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

THEFTS

Thursday, Jan. 20 - At 4:27 p.m., a resident called to report her son's iPod and cellular phone were stolen from Andover High School.

Friday, Jan. 21 - At 5:55 p.m., there was a report of a

stolen cellular phone.

Saturday, Jan. 22 - At 11:42 p.m., someone reported a Bobcat construction vehicle that was parked off River Road missing. It had last been seen on Thursday night.

Monday, Jan. 24 - At 12:45 p.m., a resident reported that someone has stolen and cashed one of her checks.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 20 - At 1:56 p.m., a bank on North Main Street reported a counterfeit bill was turned in to one of the bank tellers.

Friday, Jan. 21 - At 11:28 a.m., police issued a summons to a female for possession of a class D substance.

Saturday, Jan. 22 - At 9:57 a.m., a woman reported attending an event at the art gallery the night before where she saw photographs that she considered offensive.

Sunday, Jan. 23 - At 3:12 p.m., someone reported a female was hit in the head with a snowboard. She was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 - At 4:47 p.m., someone reported kids throwing snowballs at cars on North Street.

At 9:34 p.m., someone reported a snow tunnel made by construction workers on Stevens Street. The person was con-

cerned that a child might attempt to walk through it in the morning, and it did not look safe. Police were able to knock down and destroy the snow tunnel.

At 11:27 p.m., the fire department responded for a female whose boyfriend thought she might have been poisoned with a date rape drug.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Sunday, Jan. 23 - At 12:06 p.m., someone reported that a plow hit a parked car in the Residence Inn parking lot on Minuteman Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 - At 11:08 a.m., a resident reported that a tow truck had lost the motor vehicle it had been towing. The car struck a utility pole. The resident said the tow operator was trying to hook up the vehicle again and looked as though he was trying to leave the scene.

ACCIDENTS

Saturday, Jan. 22 - At 9:32 a.m., there was a crash with personal injuries reported on Chandler Road.

At 11:39 a.m., there was a crash with personal injuries reported on North Main Street.

VANDALISM

There were three reports.

COMPILED BY ANDREA GREGORY

Upcoming MV Chamber events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Women's Business Network will present "Tax & Financial Planning for You and Your Business" by Sal Petralia, CFP, MBA, and Kristina Woidyla, CPA, MST, tonight, Thursday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the

Holiday Inn on the Tewksbury/Andover line. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for others. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

The Chamber also will host a "Night with The Boston Celtics" on Monday, Jan. 31 at the Fleet Center at 7 p.m.

The Celtics will face Yao Ming, Tracy McGrady and the Houston Rockets, and all attendees will receive a pro-shop discount coupon. Tickets are \$45 each. Payment must accompany reservation and there will be no refunds or cancellations allowed after tickets are ordered.

Teens file article for center

By Andrea Gregory

A group of kids plans to fight a request by the town manager on the floor of Town Meeting. The goal, for both sides, is to lay claim to \$2.4 million to \$2.8 million expected to come back to the town in FY 2006.

The youths want to use the money to help build a youth center. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski would like to establish a trust fund to store the cash for trash and recycling efforts. If his request does not meet with officials' approval, Stapczynski has a back-up plan. He submitted a second warrant article to put the same money into a stabilization fund, where the primary intent would still be to use the money for trash and recycling costs. Only one of the two articles Stapczynski put on the warrant is expected to be voted on at Annual Town Meeting.

In the 1980s, Andover teamed with 22 other communities, known as North East Solid Waste Committee, to build the Wheelabrator trash incinerator in North Andover. This year, the facility will finally be paid for, and some communities that have paid fees for year will see large sums of money coming back their way. Out of all the NESWC municipalities that joined forces to create the incinerator, Andover will receive the second largest amount - \$2.4 million to \$2.8 million.

So far, the money is not earmarked for anything specific, but it looks as if officials and residents would both like to change that.

Members of the Andover Youth Action Council say the best way to spend it is to cover the remaining balance needed to build a youth center, about \$2.5 million.

Teen Dylan Golden is excited about this year's Town Meeting. He hand-delivered a warrant article to the town clerk's office

"Word of mouth. It gets around pretty fast at Andover High."

SAM BERGER, WHO HOPES TO HAVE AHS SENIORS VOTE AT TOWN MEETING IN FAVOR OF USING REFUNDED TRASH MONEY FOR A YOUTH CENTER

on Friday that could result in Andover finally having a youth center. Golden will be one of many trying to deliver a convincing speech to Town Meeting voters. But, regardless of his passion, Golden will not be voting on the issue since he is only 16.

Golden and other members of the Youth Action Council say there will be a push to encourage 18-year-olds at the high school and other youths in the community to show up in support of the article at this year's Town Meeting.

The article asks voters to put the multi-million dollar return Andover will be receiving from trash-disposal services into an account for costs related to the youth center, such as the construction and furnishing of the center.

"After seeing that (the town manager) put one in for the money, we thought we would too," said Golden.

Golden admits he is a little nervous. "But it has to be done," he said, sounding confident.

The youth-center article was submitted by Brayden Hass.

According to Assistant Youth Services Director Glen Wilson, Hass is 18, a registered voter and excited about the article, like many of the local kids involved in youth services.

"This is one that will hit close to home. They've been brought up in the town, and this is their chance to participate in town government," said Wilson.

"That's the best part. They are so committed to seeing a good thing happen in their community. It's a good opportunity for them to learn about what is happening in the town."

Win or lose at Town Meeting, a lot of Andover's youth can expect a crash course in local politics. Wilson said he expects a real grassroots movement on behalf of the kids pushing for this.

Sam Berger, 17, a member of the Youth Action Council, said there will definitely be an effort to get age-eligible kids out to vote.

Berger said she hopes some of the teachers at Andover High School tie the Town Meeting article and the process into the curriculum. She said it will teach kids about government, but also educate them and make them aware of what the Youth Action Committee is attempting to do.

Already the news is buzzing around school.

"Word of mouth. It gets around pretty fast at Andover High," said Berger.

The original plan for the youth center was to raise the funds privately, build the center independently and then present it as a gift to the town. The facility would then operate as a municipal building.

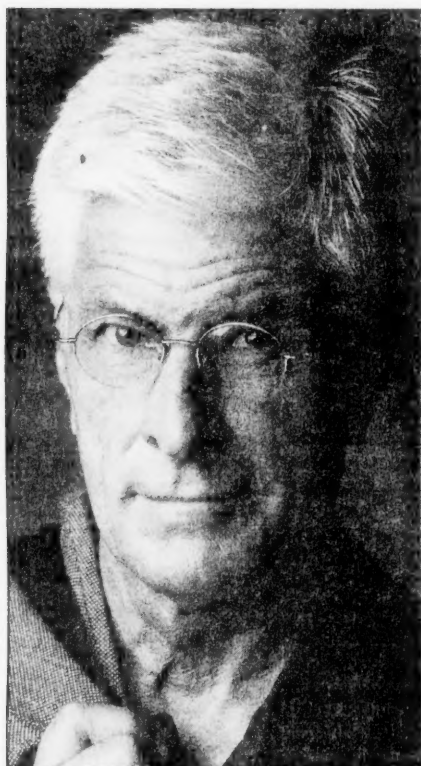
However, donations still don't total enough to break ground this spring, something many of the kids had anticipated.

The Andover Youth Foundation, a private group of residents, has been raising the money on its own to fund the project, and says it has raised more than \$3 million.

AYF President Larry Larsen said the kids decided to prepare the article all on their own, and the foundation was not aware an article would be filed until after the fact. Larsen has not actually seen the article yet, but plans to support the youths' effort.

"I'm delighted. Good for them. It's fabulous that the kids are involved," said Larsen. "I

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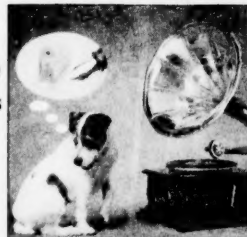
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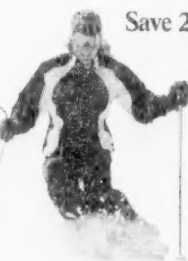
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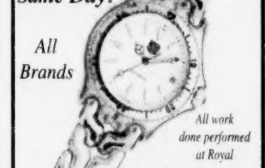
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PAST AND PRESENT



STILL CUTTING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS — The downtown has changed considerably over the years, but the Academy Barber Shop has remained, as can be seen in the photos above from around 1958 (top photo), and 2005. Next to the Academy Barber Shop on Main Street in 1958 was the Morrison shop, owned by Ruth Morrison and Ruth Macreadie.

Linda Wilson given nationwide volunteer award

The Arthritis Foundation bestowed Andover resident Linda Wilson with its highest nationwide volunteer award, the Charles B. Harding Award for Distinguished Service, during the foundation's national meeting late last year.

"For more than 15 years, Linda Wilson has been a dedicated advocate for the 70 million Americans with arthritis," said Dr. John H. Klippel, president and CEO, Arthritis Foundation. "Linda has played a key role in the development of our programs for children and young adults. We are grateful for her devoted service to the Arthritis Foundation and the nearly 300,000 children living with arthritis."

Awarded annually by the Arthritis Foundation, the Charles B. Harding Award recognizes those volunteers who have provided leadership and direction to the Arthritis Foundation, have given their time and talent generously to help others and have challenged other foundation volunteers to be

their best.

Wilson is a co-recipient of the 2004 award, along with Julia McClanahan, a resident of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

During Wilson's years as a volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation, she has served as a member of the board of trustees and the house of delegates. She was chairwoman of the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization (AJAO) and chairwoman of the Young Adult Advisory Group, spearheading the development of the first strategic plan for young adults within the Arthritis Foundation.

"In a nationwide search in 1998 for 50 individuals who exemplify the personal impact arthritis has on one's life and the victories that can be won, the Arthritis Foundation selected Wilson from the thousands of nominations received to help represent the millions of others coping with the disease," according to the foundation.

Town census out

The annual town census for 2005 was mailed to Andover residents on Jan. 12.

The 2005 census form will indicate if a resident is a registered voter in the town and his or her party designation. Residents cannot register to vote or change their party designation on census forms.

The town clerk asks residents to complete and return their census forms as soon as possible. Special census boxes will be available throughout the town and their locations are listed on the census forms. People who have not received a census form should call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255 so the town can send out a replacement.

Tax bills due Feb. 1

The town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2005. Third quarter payment is due Tuesday, Feb. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessors' office. Applications for abatements must be direct to the assessors' office no later than 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1. The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with a blue town of Andover seal in front of 36 Bartlet St. The assessors' office and the tax collectors' office will also be open Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Residents who have not received a bill or who have any questions should call 978-623-8200.

Contributor

Caroline Whalen, a senior at Merrimack College, will be contributing to the *Townsmen* this winter and spring. She is an English major with a minor in middle school education. Whalen has been working on campus at the Writing Center for two years and writing for Merrimack's newspaper, the *Beacon*. Other interests aside from writing include photography, traveling, cooking and jewelry-making. She is originally from Needham.



Caroline Whalen

Quote, unquote . . .

PARENTS DON'T ALWAYS THINK to check for drug availability right in their own homes. And not everyone is going to notice if one or two pills is missing from the bottle. — Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo, commenting on some youth's use of prescription drugs. (Story, page 1)

I WANT CUSTOMERS to feel like they're taking a trip through Japan's heart - and kitchen. — Jimmy Chang, who has opened Andover's second Japanese restaurant, Yama, at 63 Park St. (Story in Business, page 7)

News Calendar

Posted meetings as of Tuesday, Jan. 25:

Thursday, Jan. 27

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second floor, noon

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 31

Cultural Council, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Council on Aging, Senior Center Task Force, joint meeting, Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, behind Town Offices, executive session, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting follows at 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, public hearing, deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4

School Committee, School Administration Building, executive session, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation for Mulberry Child Care at 303 Lowell St., Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, a page one story titled "In Maynard we trust" incorrectly stated that Christine Maynard spent 23 years teaching at South Elementary School. Maynard taught for 32 years, retiring in 1994. She set up a trust fund to buy books and donated \$100 for each year she taught. Her initial donation was \$3,200.

Shovel out: 9

Keep route to mailbox open

Andover Postmaster Nicolas R. Francescucci has asked for the cooperation of postal customers to keep walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter.

Get passport locally

The town clerk's office has been designated as a passport agent for the US Department of State Passport Services. The town clerk's office will accept applications for new passports Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The US State Department's Passport Services Web site at www.travel.state.gov presents information on the requirements for applying for a US passport and passport fees. It also provides applications and procedures to help make the process easier. The Web site may also be reached by a link on the town of Andover town clerk's Web site at www.town.andover.ma.us.

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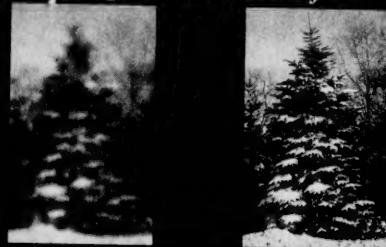
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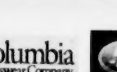
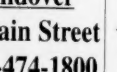
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Issue pops up again

Fireworks funds for July 4 sought

By Dorian Block

Gerald Silverman guarantees there will be fireworks.

Whether his jars around town are filled to the top or a local business picks up the tab, Silverman will make sure Andover's July 4 celebration has enough money for a 30-minute light show.

But Silverman, who has been raising money for the town's show for at least 12 years, really thinks his job is the town's responsibility.

"It's like the Christmas lights," he said referring to the trees that light up Main Street in December. "There shouldn't be any question that this should be the town's responsibility, that the town should do this. We shouldn't have to go begging and borrowing, but we do."

Silverman has submitted a warrant article for Town Meeting, asking for \$9,000 to cover part of what is usually a \$15,000 event, an amount that includes the fireworks extravaganza and public safety overtime holiday pay.

If approved, Silverman promises that he will still fund-raise as much as possible and will not use all of the allocated money if he does not need it. He has held true on his word before.

Last year he asked for \$9,000 at Town Meeting, amended his request to \$6,000 and in the end left some of the money in the account.

Two years ago the town turned him down at Town Meeting, but Silverman managed to raise enough for a full show.

"I got up at Town Meeting and said that I would raise the money — all of it — which I did," he said.

Silverman began running the fireworks show in the 1980s. He's done it for so long, he is not sure exactly when he started. The town had canceled its fireworks show about a decade earlier when a kid in town found a shell leftover from the show and badly injured his hand when he hammered the explosive. The town gave up on its Independence Day fete.

"I said, 'What's Fourth of July weekend without fireworks?'" said Silverman, who watched the fireworks over Veterans Memorial Stadium in Lawrence throughout his entire childhood. And that is how his fund-raising efforts took off.

He sends letters to the town's merchants, and he passes around a jar at Town Meeting, when people register to vote and at local businesses.

During the fireworks show — which attracts about 6,000 people each year — Silverman has trouble sitting down.

"I walk around because we collect just before the fireworks start and at the breakfast the next morning," he said. "There's always next year to think about."

This year, Silverman hopes he will get a lucky call like he did when Brickstone Properties one year and a resident another year said they would cover the entire event. He knows that may not happen this year and is asking voters at Town Meeting to allow him to be prepared.

"This has been a tough year for people," he said. "What happened with the tsunami, the YMCA has added a drive, the Boys Club and the Santa Claus thing. You are always hitting, and you hit the same people."

ONGOING ISSUES

Votes on unpopular pay-board parking; town yard

The town will continue to pursue two issues it has addressed in recent years with mixed success: a new parking-fee system, and changes to the town yard and Spring Grove Cemetery buildings.

• Voters will be asked to transfer \$110,000 from off-street parking receipts to install pay-and-display parking units at Olde Andover Village, Shawsheen Square and Memorial Hall Library. The money would also be used for sheltered areas and a message board at the pay-and-display sites. The remainder of the appropriation would be used for an electric vehicle used by parking enforcement workers.

Although Selectmen Chairman Brian Major has not used the parking

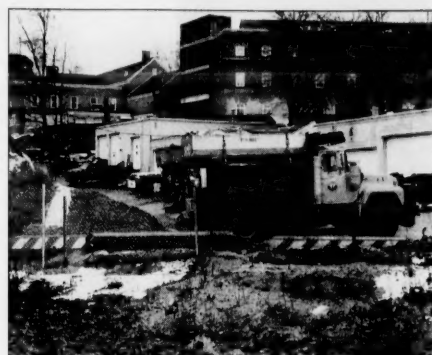
system himself, he knows Andover residents have struggled with the system.

"Every piece of feedback has been negative," said Major. "I think we will take a good hard look at what kind of parking system we put in other places in town."

Selectman Alex Vispoli said residents had voiced their frustration about the pay-and-display system to him, too.

• Town Meeting voters will also make the call on transferring \$150,000 from article 4 of 2003 Annual Town Meeting out of the Plant and Facilities Capital Projects Fund to remodel, construct and repair buildings at the town yard off Lewis Street and at Spring Grove Cemetery.

— Andrea Gregory



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Officials say the town yard, visible from the Andover commuter rail station, is in desperate need of improvements and expansion.

Issues: Better sidewalks? Water study?

TOWN MEETING

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town to appropriate money through taxation, transfers and borrowing.

"Part of this won't get endorsed," said Selectman Mary Lyman after reviewing the warrant. "Obviously, not all of it will be done."

As boards and committees decide whether to support articles, officials will clarify what they truly hope to tackle in the next fiscal year, she said. Lyman also said officials will have a better idea of the financial impact of each article as Town Meeting approaches.

Sidewalks to get their day?

Selectmen acknowledge some of the warrant articles address projects that have been on the back-burner for a while.

A sidewalks master plan was created years ago. Now, the town wants to borrow \$850,000 to reconstruct the most dilapidated sidewalks on the list.

Major said Town Meeting had appropriated some money through taxation to address the sidewalk master plan. But at the 2002 Town Meeting, the account was emptied and the funds given to the school department, he said. With no money set aside to repair and replace sidewalks, their conditions have gotten worse. Now, the town wants to borrow \$850,000 to cover the first round of repairs.

Stapczynski said the results of the National Citizens Survey, delivered to officials in 2004, showed residents want to see sidewalk problems addressed.

Parking, sidewalks at Andover High

Town Meeting voters will also be asked to approve borrowing \$113,000 to construct sidewalks along one side of Moraine Street and create additional parking near the Andover High School softball field. The money would also be used to relocate the entrance to the track and football field.

Traffic problems related to the use of the high school have plagued residents of Moraine Street for years. The seven houses on Moraine Street lie between the high

Private article

Request: Stop neighborhood flooding

Mark Pacocha, of Argyle Street, and others from his neighborhood are asking voters to appropriate \$500,000 to solve a house-flooding problem in their neighborhood. A stone culvert runs under Burnham Road, Enmore, Arundel, Argyle, Carisbrook, York and Balmoral streets. However, many residents were not aware of this until the neighborhood began experiencing severe flooding that destroyed property such as boilers, hot water heaters and washers and dryers. Pacocha said there have been three extreme flooding episodes in the past four years.

The culvert is not on Pacocha or other residents' property deeds or shown on town maps, he said.

Pacocha said he worked with Public Works Director Jack Petkus to estimate the dollar amount. The money would be raised by borrowing or transfers from available funds.

school and the football stadium. Two baseball fields are located across the street from the houses. From Red Spring Road, drivers can enter Andover High's parking lot by driving down Moraine Street. It is also a shortcut from the high school to the fields and parking lots on Red Spring Road.

Until this school year, it was not uncommon to see cars parked on the side of the road opposite the homes. Until this school year, it was legal.

But resident complaints about the traffic convinced officials to adopt a parking restriction. When selectmen adopted the parking ban, officials were already talking about plans to further address pedestrian

safety and parking.

Additional projects

• Town Meeting voters will decide if this is the year to borrow \$250,000 to repair five town-owned bridges.

• Voters will be asked to approve borrowing \$1,500,000 for school-building repairs and renovations. This article is sponsored by the School Committee. • The School Committee is also requesting to borrow \$235,000 for safety and security upgrades at the schools. The appropriation would be used to buy and install such things as security cameras and keyless lock sets.

• Through taxation or transfer of available funds, the town would like to put another \$400,000 in its Accumulated Employee Benefit Account.

Town Accountant Rod Smith said the amount is a projection of how much the town expects to need to buy back unused sick and vacation time from retiring employees. Each contract dictates a percentage the town is responsible to cover upon retirement, he said.

For several years now, Town Meeting voters have been asked to approve similar amounts. Last year, the Town Meeting approved \$300,000. Smith said the money was not entirely used and the balance would carry over. But, right now, officials believe it will take another \$400,000 in addition to what was left over. Smith would not say how many employees might retire next fiscal year, or who might have already indicated plans for retirement.

• The Board of Health is asking for \$20,000 through taxation or transfer to have someone analyze the salt levels in the Fish Brook/Haggetts Pond watershed areas. The money would cover the cost of environmental consultants who would perform the study and produce a report with recommendations for protecting the public's health.

• Pending Town Meeting approval, \$2,177,000 for capital projects and \$12,000 for the elderly and disabled transportation program are also to be covered through taxation.

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Senior Center Meeting votes are first stop

Town Meeting voters will have to approve \$7,650,000 to build the long-awaited senior center. The bulk of the request is for construction.

Many seniors are aware this is the make-it-or-break-it year for the project.

The town has discussed building a new senior center for years, but is now just a few votes away from making the center a reality.

The town will not know the exact cost of the proposed senior center until it puts the project out to bid in fall 2005. For that to happen, Town Meeting voters must approve a handful of articles. But the money for the center will need to be approved twice – at Town Meeting and the ballot box, at a special election.

Last year, Town Meeting voters approved spending \$350,000 through a debt exclusion override, for design money. This brought seniors closer to seeing a two-story, 28,100 square foot building next to Doherty Middle School.

— Andrea Gregory

Money

■ YOUTH CENTER

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certainly will support it. I think it is a wonderful idea. I am not enthused about a trust fund for trash, and I would like to see it (the money) be used for people."

During recent public meetings, officials have not seemed 100-percent behind Stapczynski's trust fund idea.

"The selectmen aren't sure which warrant (article) they are going to support," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

"We don't have to do either this year," Stapczynski said about his two proposals.

Major said he is personally against using public money to build a youth or a senior center. He said a community center is something he might support, but the two groups have already gone down different paths.

Selectman Alex Vispoli did not offer his stance on the youth center article, but did applaud the teens' effort to participate in their local government.

"I think it's great. Anytime someone has got the initiative, it's a positive thing," said Vispoli. "The more participation the better."

'It's affected so many'

■ DRUG USE

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of teens like Kathleen Lawrence, resonate a single urgent message: the face of addiction is changing.

"It's affected so many children, all good kids," said Marcoux. "The sons and daughters of police officers, superintendents of schools, firefighters, you name it, have fell victim to drug abuse. The stereotype is no longer the image of a homeless person with a needle sticking out of their arm."

Heroin is the No. 1 illegal drug of choice among young adults seeking substance abuse treatment in Massachusetts, according to the state Department of Public Health. The rise in opioid-related deaths, arrests and hospitalizations across the Commonwealth – which has escalated 230 percent among 15- to 24-year-olds within five years – has prompted the district attorney to declare a "state of emergency" regarding widespread heroin use.

While Andover police report that heroin is not presently a widespread problem in town, they fear its looming presence along the corridors of Route 495 and Interstate 93 will spread increasingly throughout the suburbs over the next five years.

"Sometimes, when we live in a suburb environment, we think we might be immune to the affects of a drug like heroin," said Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "But that couldn't be further from the truth."

Last year, seven Andover juveniles were arrested on drug-related charges, and another five were summonsed into court. Since the start of January, the number of drug-related arrests in Andover among juveniles – children 16 and younger – totals more than half of the juvenile arrests in all of 2004. Anyone older than 16 can be tried in court as an adult.

Police Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo, who supervises the Andover Substance Abuse Unit, says department budget cuts forced the drug operation's disbandment during June, July and August – the unit's busiest months – so detectives could assist with regular patrols. The unit was reinstated full-time in September.

"There wasn't any real proactive unit working at that time," Sgt. Pattullo confirms. "That's probably why the numbers are a bit down."

Four juveniles, one 15-year-old and three 16-year-olds, have been arrested this year, all for possession of marijuana. According to Sgt. Pattullo, it's gateway substances like alcohol and marijuana that can lead to harder drugs like heroin, including a variety of prescription and over-the-counter items that can be found in most household medicine cabinets.

Dextromethorphan (DXM), a synthetically produced substance



Andover police say some youth abuse household and prescription drugs to get a high, before moving on to harder drugs.

chemically related to codeine, is an ingredient found in more than 40 over-the-counter cough and cold remedies. The abuse of DXM is an increasing concern for law-enforcement officials, Pattullo says, adding that adolescents are the primary abusers of the drug. Compounding the problem is that few parents know about the potential for this abuse.

"Parents don't always think to check for drug availability right in their own homes," Sgt. Pattullo said. "And not everyone is going to notice if one or two pills is missing from the bottle."

Police said they have discovered, when questioning people caught with heroin, that the road to addiction most often begins from experimenting with Oxycontin. Users will either chew or crush the pill to receive the drug's immediate affects. Typically, the "euphoric" feeling derived from taking Oxycontin for the first time can never be achieved again on the same level, Sgt. Pattullo said.

After repeated attempts to reach the original height of the drug, a person's body becomes physically dependent. And police said the abundance of heroin on the streets makes that drug less expensive than a case of beer.

"Heroin is very easy for people to access right now," Pattullo said. "It's also a lot cheaper than Oxycontin. One Oxycontin pill can go for \$80 on the street. Heroin costs around \$4 a bag."

The state Department of Public Health reports that heroin causes more drug-related deaths than any other illicit drug. And there aren't enough facilities to keep up with the high rate of inpatients.

"For the last few years, the budget crisis has cut back a number of health care benefits, including treatment beds," said Andover State Sen. Susan Tucker. "We must expand treatment facilities. You cannot tell an addict to wait a month for a bed to open up."

The Andover Democrat is hoping that Gov. Mitt Romney will include more resources for the heroin epidemic in his budget for the new fiscal year.

"We need to fight this on every possible front," Tucker added, "including law enforcement, prevention, education and treatment."

Guidance counselor Marcoux said the lack of help for those needing detoxification is unnerving. "What used to be rehabilitation for 28 days is now three days, if that," Marcoux said. "If I had 10 kids come into my office next week, I'd be hard-pressed to find a lot of places to send them."

Andover's DARE program, meant to educate elementary- and middle-school students about drugs and provide a school resource officer for the high school, has felt the budget ax.

"Not only is drug use escalating, but the age of users seems to be getting younger and younger," said 17-year-old Reena Patel, vice president of the Andover Youth Council. "Not every kid is going out and drinking or using drugs constantly. But there are kids that go to parties every weekend where drinking and drugs are involved. When it becomes a constant thing that happens every weekend, it's a habit and that is a problem."

Patel believes confidence is an underlying issue for teens who take drugs. It becomes a tool for teens to "become someone else" and believe they fit in.

Patel suggests the best thing parents can do is talk to their kids and stay involved in their social lives.

Guidance counselors at the high school say that while the state is in the midst of an heroin epidemic, it's important to remember that many teens are making good choices and even getting involved with prevention education for their peers.

They believe the biggest factor in prevention is raising awareness in schools and telling the community to have the courage to talk to kids and make it an issue.

"Heroin doesn't discriminate," said Cleo Thompson, Andover High's coordinator for at-risk students. "The best way to encourage kids not to get involved is to give them hope. We will continue to preach hope."

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"It's a beautiful area with thousands of feet of frontage right on the river," Penney said.

Inside the health department's record office, Penney has a box packed with almost 10 years of paperwork documenting the various stages of remediation of the rest of the land.

Parcel 1, an estimated 15.3 acres, was the location of the former Reichhold plant manufacturing facility, and a former industrial landfill.

Several steel drums filled with hazardous chemicals were buried at Parcel 1, and the main building which produced phenolic compounds used in making plastics was also on that site.

Penney recalls the "cooker" emanating waste from the building's smokestack, polluting air quality and threatening wildlife.

"The stuff would harden into a peanut-brittle-type consistency over the rooftop," Penney said. "Canadian geese would land on the roof and get stuck. All you would find left when you went up there was their feet, still stuck in the hardened material."

Six former waste lagoons and a concrete equalization basin, used for waste distribution, were at one time located on Parcel 2, an estimated 11.4 acres.

Penney said both of the parcels have been cleaned up satisfactorily, but will still need to undergo complete audits by DEP.

"The DEP never officially says a site is as clean as a whistle," Penney says. "But there are different levels of acceptability for land use based on levels of contaminants found in the soil and water."

The levels of use are defined as Activity Use Limits. AULs designate future land utilization by determining safe and acceptable standards.

AULs have already been put in place for the two parcels, and, if adhered to, will provide "no significant risk to health, safety, public welfare or the environment."

The land use advisories state that disturbance of surface or subsurface soils below a depth of 4 inches should not occur; a residence, school or day-care facility should not be part of the property use; and there should not be any farming done.

The town's acquisition of the Reichhold site still has to undergo further discussion, but Stapczynski said the master plan is to create an active and passive recreation area with ball fields, parking and open space.

"Acquiring that land would be huge in terms of what it will do for the environment and for the town," Stapczynski said. "It's a unique site and we're hoping to get it."



Stapczynski: This is unique site.

Long hours for plow operators

BLIZZARD

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the snowfall.

Kevin McLaughlin, Wild Oats service manager, said he noticed people doing full-fledged shopping rather than just picking up a few essentials. He said he suspects people were simultaneously preparing to watch Sunday's football game in the company of good food.

The combination of Patriots parties (the Pats won the American Football Conference Championship and will play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6) and the storm had Wild Oats ring up about twice its normal sales, said McLaughlin.

While both grocery stores say they are fully stocked again, and everything is back to normal, the town's public works department is still dealing with the effects of the storm.

Andover received 28 inches of snow and more in west Andover, said DPW Director Jack Petkus.

"We are still cleaning it up now," Petkus said on Tuesday.

He said the sidewalks were being cleared on Tuesday, and the plan was to take care of the municipal parking lots on Thursday. However, Petkus said he was aware of another storm in the forecast.

As for the roads, Petkus said, "They are not 100 percent pavement, but they are decent."

According to Petkus, there were 120 to 130 people - including 85 to 90 contractors - working long hours to clear the snow in Andover. Workers reported for snow-removal duty Saturday and worked straight through the night into Sunday.

"They were out until it was over," said Petkus.

Petkus said workers were sent home at 4 p.m. on Sunday, told to get some sleep and come back at 5 a.m. on Monday.

Petkus called the weekend storm "the worst" Andover has seen in several years. But the financial blow to the town has not hit yet. Petkus said the cost



Chris Newton, 12, "wrote" his first name with footprints in the snow at High Plain Elementary School.



PHOTO BY JUDY WAKELFIELD

of clearing the storm is still being tallied. He would not estimate how much the snow-removal efforts will total.

He said there is a chance Andover could get some help from the federal government, because a state of emergency was declared by Gov. Mitt Romney. Petkus said federal aid could cover as much as 75 percent of all snow-removal costs from the storm.

Schools across the Commonwealth were closed Monday, and some remained closed even on Tuesday. School Superintendent Claudia Bach said she decided on Sunday that Andover schools would remain closed on Monday. She said if the sidewalks had been cleared Sunday, there was a chance the wind could have blown the snow back onto them by Monday.

Because all the sidewalks are not cleared yet, Bach cautioned parents about sending walkers to school this week. She said carpooling might be a better alternative, until the job is finished.

Wednesday was the third snow day this year for Andover public schools, and Bach is growing mildly concerned about the end of the school year.

The schools have to be out for summer by the end of June. If there had not been any snow days this school year, the last day of school would have been June 20. Already, school will end June 23, as snow days are made up at the end of the year.

Bach said that if enough days are canceled by snow, students will have to make up the time on Saturdays or during April vacation.

"That's what worries us, we haven't ended January yet," she said. "This is one of those winters."



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Daria Peterson of Wildrose Drive does a cannon ball off a mailbox and into the snow.

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Business

BRIEFS

One-mile move for KDSA

KDSA Consulting, an information-technology and accounting-solutions resource that services small- to medium-sized businesses and not-for-profits, has moved its corporate staff and client-support division from its old facility at 3 Riverside Drive to its new offices at 138 River Road, also in Andover.

This move was made because of the continued growth KDSA Consulting has realized since being founded in January 2004, according to the company.

"When we launched KDSA and opened our offices at 3 Riverside Drive 12 months ago, we never anticipated the need to move this soon," said John LoConte, principal. "However, as our client base continued to grow over the spring and summer months, we found ourselves having to staff-up in order to properly service and support the new clients' networking and accounting needs. And, as we added new hires to our existing staff, we quickly ran out of space."

KDSA Consulting is staffed by IT and accounting professionals who design and install local- and wide-area-network solutions; customize desktop computers, servers and peripherals; develop client specific database and programming services; and perform end-user outsourced support.

"Finding a new office space that could handle our continued growth just one mile down the road not only proved beneficial to the physical move, but it enables us to continue to provide hands-on service for our local clients," said Dawn Mortimer, principal.

Media turns to Montalto

Lillian Montalto, broker-owner of Andover's Lillian Montalto Signature Properties, was recently recognized by two mainstream media outlets in the Boston area. Montalto was featured in the October issue of Boston Magazine and, more recently, was the subject of a news segment on Channel 7 News. Both pieces focused on educating the public with helpful information about what to expect during a real estate transaction, and how to maximize the results to one's benefit.

Boston Magazine's article was titled "Power Brokers" showcased Montalto as a featured real estate agent from the Boston area, according to a release. Channel 7 News, which aired a newscast featuring Montalto and her knowledge of the real estate industry, highlighted core values when buying or selling a home, as well as useful tips for prospective buyers and sellers. "When selling a home - price is everything. The market dictates what the price of your home should be, it is not dependent on anything other than what the current market will bear," advised Montalto.

New project manager

Richard G. Protasowicki, has joined Wright-Pierce, a New England civil and environmental engineering firm, as a project manager working for the Water Division in their Andover office. Protasowicki received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering with an environmental concentration from Northeastern University in Boston.

Protasowicki has several years experience in project execution including establishing scope, schedule, budget and client relations. He is a member of the American Water Works Association and the New England Water Works Association, where he serves as a member of the Disinfection Committee. Protasowicki lives in Littleton, Mass. and enjoys in-line skating, bicycling and travel.

Home-buying seminar Feb. 2

Spring is generally the most active time of year for real estate sales, as people buy with an eye toward moving in warmer weather and while school is out.

"Being informed from the outset can ensure the home a buyer chooses is right for their family and their pocket-book," says a Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors release. Sharon Coskren and Pamela Cushing, real estate agents with Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors, will be hosting a Home Buyer Seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m., at Northfield Trust Mortgage, 342 North Main St. in Andover. Dick and Bob Licare of Northfield Mortgage will co-host the event. Local attorneys Barry Finegold and Bill Dalton will be on hand to answer legal questions.

'FOOD IS LIKE ART'

Yama Japanese Restaurant looks to provide excellence on a plate

By Rita Savard

In Taiwan and Japan, Jimmy Chang learned that the skills of an artisan are essential when it comes to preparing food. His new restaurant, Yama, at 63 Park St., offers a full menu of Japanese dishes as pleasing to the eye as they are the palette.

"Japanese food is like art," Chang says. "Just looking at it makes you feel good about eating it."

With more than 70 kinds of sushi - and a variety of Japanese favorites including tempura, teriyaki and more exotic entrees - Chang declares Yama to be the most authentic place for experiencing Japanese cuisine outside of Boston.

Chang, who has owned and operated a Yama restaurant in Wellesley since 1995, began his career cooking inside his uncle's restaurant in Taiwan.

"I went to culinary school also, in Japan," says Chang. "But it's from the repetition of cooking in restaurants and watching the master chefs that you learn details and styles you don't see in school."

For more than 20 years, Chang has been combining his knowledge of traditional Japanese cooking with a precise hand to make a variety of creations unique to Yama.

Ranging in price from \$3.25 to \$24.50, Yama's menu items earned Chang's Wellesley location a note of excellence from Zagat's Restaurant Survey Guide.

Favorites include Chang's Fire Dragon Roll (\$8.50), which the restaurateur boasts "everyone loves." Designed to look like an actual dragon, the "special roll" has crab-meat tempura inside, with a combination of spicy tuna, flying fish roe and scallion on top of the roll. Nabe mono selections like the House Nabe (\$17.95), an assortment of seafood, vegetables and salmon steak cooked in soybean soup, are served in a cast iron bowl.

From using delicate flowers to cultural symbols, Chang says he's designed a little something for everyone - even the sports fan. Special sushi rolls have been named after each of New England's sport teams. Bruins, Patriots, Celtics and Red Sox maki



Ying Wong serves up a dish at the Yama Japanese Restaurant, the second Japanese restaurant to open in Andover.

dishes are popular items, says Chang, adding that Celtic's owner Wycliffe Grousbeck frequents the original Yama to sample the team's special.

Chang sought to apply an artistic eye not only to the food but to the decor of Yama.

"I want customers to feel like they're taking a trip through Japan's heart and kitchen," says Chang.

Inside the restaurant, Japanese folding screens, called Shoji screens, are an aesthetic room divider, adding a touch of old-

world Eastern art. In the main room, Chang showcases Yama's central focus point: the sushi bar. There, illuminated paper lanterns hang above a glass case where thick cuts of salmon, tuna, yellowtail, snapper, shrimp and other fresh catches are on display. Yama has fish delivered daily, with more exotic offerings imported.

The front dining hall spills into a second room with a full liquor bar. (Mixed potions with names like the Godzilla (\$5.75) and Eager Ninja (\$5.95) are available.) Cream-colored wooden bench seats covered in deep blue tatami mats give an inviting and casual vibe. Servers wear colorful kimonos. Yama can seat 120 and offers a private function room that holds up to 40 guests. For larger parties, a 20-piece assortment of Yama's most popular sushi, including six specialty rolls, can be ordered in a hand-carved wooden boat for \$85. A smaller version for two, called the Love Boat (\$55), is also on the menu.

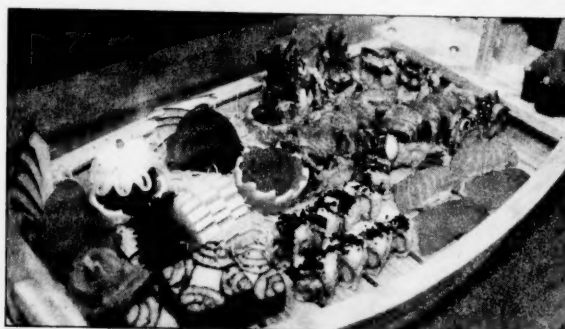
Chang says Japanese cuisine is a healthy way of eating, with many dishes being consumed raw or lightly cooked and containing little added fat. But there's a lot more at Yama than just sushi.

Many beef and chicken dishes are available, along with cooked duck and pork. From Chang's extensive appetizer list, he suggests some popular preludes such as the Soft Shell Crab (\$6.95), or the Almond Chicken (\$6.75). For dessert, Chang recommends Yama's famous fried banana in a light batter with sesame seeds (\$3.25), or the Mochi Ice Cream, ice cream in a sweet rice cake (\$3.95).

To celebrate their grand opening, Yama is sending customers home with complimentary, hand-painted chopsticks.

"Every person has a different way of making food," says Chang, who is currently busy working on a maki he will name after Andover. "We're really happy to bring our special touch to such a nice town."

Yama is open for lunch Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The restaurant reopens for dinner Monday-Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., and on Friday from 5 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. Saturday hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 10:45 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 9:45 p.m.



Jimmy Chang (in photo at right), owner of Yama Japanese Restaurant at 63 Park St., offers a number of dishes, including a "party boat" of sushi (left photo). Yama has taken over the location formerly used by Pasta Villagio.



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Opinion

Free passes to power

AS OF WEDNESDAY MORNING, six days before nomination papers had to be returned, the incumbents for School Committee and Andover Housing Authority faced no challengers. In a town where so many people do volunteer their time, uncontested races are always a disappointment. Contested races are the lifeblood of democracy and of meaningful discussion, regardless of how well or poorly the incumbents are performing. When incumbents do not face challengers, they are often far less willing to share their thoughts on controversial issues, or to feel held accountable for their actions during their previous term.

Several years ago, there were no candidates running for Andover Housing Authority. The *Townsmen* ran a story noting that, at each election, people write in "joke" candidates such as Mickey Mouse. So, in theory, an imaginary rodent could have been elected to public office in Andover. Quickly, residents applied and there was a meaningful race.

Residents will be better off if some fresh candidates jump into races again this year. Contested races force discussion of important matters and require candidates to state where they stand on the issues that matter most to Andover's future.

The last day to return nomination papers to the Andover town clerk's office for certification is Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. For more information call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8259.

Web question

Are you concerned about drugs?

Last week's *Andover Townsmen* Web-site question was: Should Andover parents be able to save the town money by accessing school newsletters online? Is this a good idea?

- 34 people voted
- 21, or 62 percent, said, "Yes. The amount of money being spent on mailing paper alone is outrageous. It is time schools move into the digital age to improve communications and save money."
- 1, or 3 percent said, "No. If it doesn't come home in my kid's backpack, I'm never going to read it."
- No one said, "I didn't know my kid's school sent out newsletters."
- 12, or 35 percent, said, "E-newsletters are fine, but I am more interested in being able to access information such as my child's attendance, grades and homework assignments online."
- No one said, "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsmen* Web-site question is: **Andover is located right in the pocket of the state's heaviest**

heroin-traffic area. Budget cuts have halted the town's DARE program and the addition of a school resource officer at the high school. Should prevention education be a top priority right now?

- Yes. Other communities have experienced the loss of young lives to heroin, and the drug's abuse rate is steadily on the rise. We should not wait to act until it's too late. Restoration of prevention programs and an officer in the high school is crucial now.
- Yes. But the best prevention education would be to give the town's youth a place to go on the weekends. Money spent on completing a youth center would be a better investment than police presence in schools.
- No. By drawing attention to the situation, it's almost as if we're giving kids ideas to go out and try these drugs.
- No. Andover has some problems, but heroin isn't one of them.

To vote, surf www.andovertownsmen.com.

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THE *Townsmen* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsmen* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters sent by e-mail should be sent to Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com, and included in the body of an e-mail, not as e-mail attachments.

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HEAVY WINTER COAT



Resident Bob Dennis ventured out to take several shots of downtown Andover after the blizzard, including the one above.

LETTERS

OPEN SPACE

Town must seek public benefit to special zoning

Editor, *Townsmen*:
Andover Planning Board:

In last week's letters to the editor, the League of Women Voters Andover/North Andover objected to "special zoning concessions while denying public access to the resulting open space" in cluster development projects. The Andover Trails Committee joins the League in urging the Planning Board to reject the Swan Crossing 2 Proposal unless it is suitably modified with regard to public access. The intended use of cluster development open space for a golf course may be hallowed by precedent, but in our opinion this is bad precedent — one that needs reversing as part of an overall review of Andover's open space policies and needs. The long history of residential development of the Andover Country Club property contains instances where the developer received substantial financial benefits from the town's acceptance of conservation restrictions on golf course land with little or no public benefit. No public access or bike and pedestrian trail systems have materialized. Recently, the Board of Selectmen accepted and passed on to the State Secretary of Environmental Affairs for final approval a conservation restriction on Andover Country Club land without comment or consideration of what if any public benefit would accrue to Andover's citizens.

It is clear that conservation restrictions do not necessarily require public access (we are aware of many such documents). However, in view of open space recommendations contained in the recent Vision 21 Committee report to the Board of Selectmen, there appears to be ample justification for the Planning Board to reject cluster development proposals that do not adequately address public recreational access to protected open space.

Alan French
17 Moreland Road
Steve Golden
Robandy Road
Acting Co-Chairmen
Andover Trails Committee

\$5K for all-day K will strike out some families

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The full-day kindergarten fee has been set at \$5,000 for the 2005-06 school year. This is an increase of \$1,250, or 33 percent. This fee is more than 8 percent of the median after-tax income for an Andover household, equivalent to about one month's pay. This 8 percent comes from a budget that must also provide food, clothing, shelter, health care and meet all of a typical Andover family's other needs.

The math is simple. The median gross income in Andover is about \$90,000. The property taxes on the median home are slightly more than \$6,000, leaving about \$84,000.

Take off another 15 percent for federal income tax (the average, not marginal rate), 5 percent for state income tax and 7.5 percent for social security tax, and our Andover family is down to about \$61,000. Five thousand dollars represents 8.2 percent of this after-tax total.

For working parents, the trade-off is a good one. They can pay the Andover schools to have their kindergarteners for a longer school day and reduce their daycare expense. But families not using daycare, who must add this \$5,000 expense to their budgets, face a difficult decision.

I expect that full-day kindergarteners will increasingly have

wealthy parents who can afford the \$5,000 cost or working parents whose budgets will not change substantially with the kindergarten fee. And half-day kindergarteners will increasingly have a stay-home parent or alternative free childcare.

Was that the intent when the full-day program was conceived? Or was the program designed to give children who might need a little more time or a little more stimulation the advantage that an extra two hours of schooling per day would provide? The citizens of Andover should ask themselves that question.

Chris Williams
12 Cherrywood Circle

REMEMBER WHEN

Status symbol:

Tossed from Andover's pool hall



Bill Dalton

Pool: That starts with P. And that rhymes with T. And that stands for trouble. Right here in River City.

— From the musical, *The Music Man*.

YESIREE, FOLKS. THOSE old pool halls were sure bad establishments for boys to hang around in. I know, I spent quite a bit of time in one myself when I was in high school around 1960. Just about every town worth anything at all had a pool hall, and a boy from one town would never go into a pool hall in another town unless he'd been invited by a local who was tough enough to protect a stranger. Pool halls were not libraries. Mostly, the inhabitants were high school boys talking about sports, girls, and cars and trying to be as cool as Marlon Brando in the movie *The Wild Ones*.

The Andover pool hall was the "Rec," short for the Andover Recreation Center. It was on Park Street, across from where the municipal parking lot now is. (I believe the building itself was torn down in the late 1980s but it had stopped being the "Rec" several years before that.) The Rec offered plenty of pool hall atmosphere. It was dark except for the incandescent lights with cone-shaped shades that shone down on the green felt faces of the pool tables. If a table were not in use, the lights over it were turned off, but even when the lights were on it was still dim away from the tables because the light pattern created by the lampshades was meant only to light the tables. Player's faces were darkened when not bent over for a shot, and the faces became greenish from the reflection off the felt when the player bent over for a shot.

There were several candlepin bowling lanes adjacent to the pool hall, separated by a wall, and there was noise from the pins and bowlers. My friends and I usually hung around the pool hall during the late afternoons after school activities and before going home.

The bowling lanes were pretty quiet then, so there was little noise in the pool hall. There was murmured conversation in deference to those who might be concentrating on a game. Low talk was the usual. A louder voice could be met with

a challenge, depending on how tough the speaker was. Tough boys were rarely loud. Loud people were wannabee toughs who often learned quick lessons in decorum from someone who truly was tough. The place was most crowded and noisier on Friday nights when the boys came in before picking up their dates or heading to the movies. Everybody would want to know what everyone else was doing that night and who they were dating. The conversations, along with Friday being a popular bowling night, raised the sound level.

The Rec mostly smelled like cigarette smoke, but this odor was enriched by the dozens of rental bowling shoes behind the business counter that was used for both bowlers and pool players. There were five tables, but they weren't often all in use. The back table, which was next to the business end of the bowling lanes, often was reserved for the bowling-pin setters whose fringe benefits included table time.

Some colorful people hung around the Rec. There were two pin-setters known as Heckle and Jeckle to the pool hall regulars because they looked like a couple of cartoon characters of that name — big magpies with huge, yellow beaks. Guys like them spent so much time in the Rec that their skin was pasty-pale looking like it was varnished, and their faces were squinty because of the pool hall's dim lights, but they were otherwise expressionless.

The serious players spoke few words, just enough to keep the pool games going. The billiard players didn't need to speak, and the only noises heard from those games would be the click of the balls hitting each other and a cue stick hitting the scoring wire, or a softly spoken "nice shot" or gentle pounding of the cue stick on the floor indicating a good shot by an adversary. Some of these characters looked and acted like the movie cowboys who hung around the bars waiting to get gunned down or something in the old "B" Westerns.

The Rec was a first-class hangout, but, if too many were lounging there at the same time, a middle-aged guy named Eddie who ran the place and looked like Hoagy Carmichael would start throwing people out. He was not selective about who got thrown out and who stayed; it had nothing to do with behavior and no one was quite sure what his criteria were, but being thrown out was a little bit of an honor, so we didn't care.

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LETTERS

TEACHERS OBJECT TO FLYER

Committee should disavow such 'scurrilous attacks'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing to express my dismay at the current state of affairs between the Andover Education Association and the town of Andover. I am a lifelong resident of Andover who has been employed by the Andover Public Schools since 1975. Even in the lamentable and contentious days of Dr. Francis Griggs Jr.'s School Committee, I do not recall anyone stooping to the tactics employed by an anonymous writer - and aren't most such scurrilous attacks mounted by cowards who scurry through back alleys spreading their filth - who penned the rag sent to the *Andover Townsman* and *Eagle-Tribune* and distributed at Tuesday's School Committee meeting: "How the Teacher's Union is Fleecing Andover." Rather than a rational response to the current stalemate, it is an unmitigated per-

sonal diatribe against the teachers at Andover High School and against union president Tom Meyers, spewing allegations that have no basis in fact.

Meyers works for all the members of the teachers' union; to allege that he spends the school day in Starbucks and that his take home pay exceeds \$100,000 is libelous.

The writer could well do with both a math lesson and some time spent in schools before and after the contractual day. Teachers at Andover High School do no "spend more than three hours outside of the classroom," and even when not engaged in a class, the vast majority of teachers are conferring with counselors, making phone calls to parents, preparing for IEP meetings, correcting papers, doing research, and planning for upcoming lessons.

I am also an Andover taxpayer-

er. My taxes have doubled in the last five years. The little house my parents purchased in 1936 for \$2,000 and that I share with my retired sister now requires yearly property tax payments that more than double its purchase price. I'm one of the taxpayers who "deserve a fair contract" and "respectful treatment." When the writer demeans my school, the writer demeans me and every other teacher at Andover High School who works his or her damndest to provide the children in this town with a rigorous education.

Whoever you are who wrote that detestable article, crawl back into your hole. And if the Andover School Committee has any credibility - any integrity - it will disavow the claims made and it will censure the writer.

Kathleen Zalla
3 Chester St.
AHS English Department

Taxpayer dollars are not used to run teachers union

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Following what he believed to be a mass exodus of the Andover Education Association [the teachers' union] from the Jan. 18 School Committee meeting, Christopher Smith raised the issue of the AEA release time for the president. This was immediately followed by pointed questions from Tom Deso, a former School Committee candidate. While I believed the questions were rhetorical in nature, I did offer the AEA's response to what I viewed as a more than curious juxtaposition of events.

As the AEA first vice president for more than 20 years, allow me to provide a more detailed response to

clarify the record. The AEA has had a form of release time for our president for 14 years. This concept was initiated by the president Sheila Eckoff. In 2000, the members of the AEA voted to fund a .4 position. We chose this proposal to allow the school department to hire less than a half-time position to avoid paying benefits which would add to the cost for the system. This would be a factor if the money was used for that purpose. The school department was not obligated to use the revenue to hire a teacher.

The AEA paid close to \$14,000 for the 2004-05 school year. We also pay all office expenses, including the actual purchase of the phone

and computer in addition to the monthly bills. Contrary to the inference implied by the orchestration of events at the Jan. 18 meeting, no taxpayer funds are used by the AEA to run our association. Let us move beyond this diversionary tactic to the real question of the funding of the teacher contract, which is a taxpayer obligation. The teachers have been in the classroom since Sept. 1, despite the lack of a contract. Teaching is our profession, not our vocation. Our working conditions are residents' children's learning conditions.

Kerry A. Costello
9 Rambler Road
Boston

Not impressed with School Committee acts

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I have been following what appears to be an impasse regarding contract negotiations between the Andover School Committee and the Andover Education Association.

One would think when bargaining a standard three-year contract, there should be creative ways to negotiate a resolution. But after reading last week's *Townsmen* articles on the subject, I was not impressed with School Committee comments or vindictive actions concerning union president Tom Meyers. From what I know of Meyers, he is a dedicated teacher and an effective and resourceful union leader.

It would serve the School Committee and superintendent well to develop creative proposals for Andover teachers that include at least a cost-of-living raise which translates into genuine respect for the job they do. Short of that, the superb reputation of Andover and its school system will surely suffer.

Anthony Blandini
22 Brady Loop

The pool hall

■ COLUMN

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However, the length of the exile was important. It was common to be thrown out for the day, but occasionally someone would get the heave-ho for a week or more. Anything more than a day was "for cause" and that cause was usually for verbally abusing Eddie, who was a good guy but not always the essence of gentility, or for something more serious like fighting. Whatever the reason was it'd be a topic of conversation the next day at school. "Hey, did you hear that Frankie got thrown out of the Rec for a week?" That kind of stuff was news.

Eddie had his favorites, but occasionally even they were arbitrarily tossed for the day; I think it had something to do with him establishing who was boss, although I can't remember anyone who was interested in competing for that status. Few people held a strong opinion about Eddie, but he added color to the Rec, a place that I fondly remember.

Bill Dalton is a former town selectman who writes from Atlanta, Ga.

YOUTH CENTER PUSH

With trash money, this really could be the year

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Dear Andover residents:

Why not us? This is our year. Believe. Keep the faith (as we have). These slogans may sound familiar from this past fall when our Boston Red Sox finally clinched the World Series. It was 86 years since they had their last big win. Let's not make the youth of Andover wait that long.

It is very encouraging to see the youth center gaining attention and support. During the past nine years, the Andover Youth Services, Andover Youth Council, Andover Youth Foundation, and countless young people have looked forward to the construction of a youth center. All of the hard work and dedication has resulted in privately raising nearly \$3.5 million towards one. With \$2.6 million coming to the town in the near future, there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel for everyone so deeply vested in this endeavor.

In the Jan. 13 article, "Youth Council request: Use windfall for center," town leaders indicated that it might take "a period of years" to decide how to spend the money. Why not give Andover Youth Services, a successful program that has creatively grown to reach and affect the lives of thousands of youth, the opportunity to further flourish in a permanent home? We can earmark the funds now for the completion of the youth center. If there is enough creativity, dedication, and cooper-

ation to see a youth center in Andover, we can find a way to use this unexpected windfall to reach the root of most adolescent problems by creating a safe place for kids and for bringing more Bills, Tonys, Glenns, and Suzies [youth services employees] into this town.

If we act now, the completion of the youth center could happen by the end of this year. If we wait, we could lose this tremendous opportunity. We encourage residents to contact their selectmen and town manager and voice their support.

The Youth Action Council
Liz Minton, Ferndale Avenue
Reena Patel, Colonial Drive
Sam Berger, Bateson Drive
Dylan Golden, Robandy Road
Emily Cummings, Shirley Road



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OBITUARIES

Harry N. Diamantas

Retired from Xerox Corp.

Harry N. Diamantas, 70, of Andover died Friday, Jan. 21 at the Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.

Mr. Diamantas was born in Woburn. He was in the United States Army from 1957 to 1958.

He graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor's degree in economics and later he earned a master's degree in business/economics.

He then graduated from Suffolk University School of Law.



Harry N. Diamantas

He worked for the Olivetti Corp. in international marketing and then for the Xerox Corp. as a manager of corporate accounts, retiring in 1999.

Most recently he was a managing director at Alexelion Consulting Group.

Mr. Diamantas was a member of the Mt. Horeb Masonic Lodge in Woburn, the Hellenic Square and Compass Club, the Alpha Omega Council and the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover.

Members of his family include his wife of 41 years, Kay J. (Georgantas) Diamantas of Andover; daughters, Susan Laurin and her husband Paul of North Andover, Nicole Bassi and her husband Armand III of Bolton; sister, Mary Chioutsis of Woburn; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Saints Constantine and Helen Church Community Center Building Fund, 73 Chandler Road, Andover, 01810.

Shirley K. Pucci

Computer operator for Western Electric

Shirley K. (Kiel) Pucci, 76, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan.

22 at Sutton Hill Nursing Home in North Andover.

She was a computer operator for Western Electric for 25 years before retiring in 1985.

Born in Lawrence, Mrs. Pucci graduated from Lawrence High School in 1946 and North Shore Baby Hospital in Salem in 1949.

Members of her family include her husband, Pasquale Pucci of Andover; daughter, Nancy and her husband George St. Pierre of Derry, N.H.; sister, Jacqueline McDonough of Tulsa, Okla.; two grandchildren; and two nieces and a nephew.

Gertrude A. Sullivan

Worked for family's medical business

Gertrude A. (Ottino) Sullivan, 73, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 22 at home.

She worked at Schraffits Candy in Boston for many years. After raising six children, she became the first mail clerk for Medical Health Center Solutions of Andover, owned by her daughters and sons-in-law.

Born in Dorchester, and a former resident of Reading for 42 years, Mrs. Sullivan moved to Andover seven years ago.

She was a member of St. Agnes Church in Reading and St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Family members said she was especially known for her own personal prayer line and was always ready with her phone support for her family and friends.

Members of her family include her husband of more than 50 years, Robert A. Sullivan of Andover; sons, Robert A. Sullivan and his wife Linda of Andover, and Paul T. Sullivan of California; daughters, Maureen T. Sullivan of Andover, Denise M. Russo and her husband Paul of Westford, Elizabeth A. Regan and her husband Daniel of New Mexico, and Regina G. Brighton and her husband Stephen of Andover, with whom she resided; brother and sister-in-law, Paul D. and Barbara Ottino of Mansfield; six grandchildren; and several nieces and cousins.

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Simpson; daughters, Sydni Garity and her husband James of Atkinson, N.H., Sarah MacKinnon and her husband Robert of Abington, Amy Jessep and her husband Thomas of Andover, Victoria Lauber and her husband Stephen of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Megan Trombly and her husband David M. of Warren, R.I., and Taylor Simpson of North Andover; sisters, Sue Ellen Buerle of Rensselaerville, N.Y., and Ellie Beith of Dallas; 25 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 23 at New England Bible Church.

Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to New England Bible Church, 60 Chandler Road, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

James J.M. Curry

Was a man of letters

James J.M. Curry, 68, of Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Lawrence General Hospital.

He taught at Yale University and the University of Pittsburgh.

Born in Lawrence and educated in Andover, Mr. Curry graduated from Phillips Academy and received his bachelor's degree from Columbia University and his master's degree and PhD from Cornell University. He did his postgraduate work at the American Academy in Rome.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church and the Andover Knights of Columbus.

He returned to Andover later in life. Family members said he loved literature, theology, and music, and especially enjoyed listening to public radio. He also enjoyed reading at Memorial Hall Library. They said he was a font of knowledge, especially about the origins of a word, phrase, pun, or proverb.

Members of his family include his daughters, Mary Jane Curry of Rochester, N.Y., and Julia Curry and Elizabeth Curry and her husband Brian Pine, all of Burlington, Vt.; brothers, Henry Curry of Mari-

DEATHS

R. William Ammon, 67
Stella E. Axtin, 98
Veronica Rose Burke, 92
James J.M. Curry, 68
Harry N. Diamantas, 70
Barbara Elliott, 85
Mary E. Foley, 42
Philip M. Gangi, 82
Herbert K. Hemp, 85
John R. Marquis, 54
Massoud Massoud, 84
Shirley K. Pucci, 76
Mazie L. Russell, 66
Joan A. Simpson, 64
Gertrude A. Sullivan, 73
Carmelina M. Zisa, 81

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

AMMON — R. William Ammon, 67, of North Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 23 at Lawrence General Hospital. Mr. Ammon worked as a quality control engineer for Raytheon Corp. in Andover.

AXTIN — Stella E. Axtin, 98, of Lawrence, died Monday, Jan. 24, at Sunbridge Colonial Heights Nursing Home. She formerly worked in the clerical/payroll department at Raytheon in Andover.

ELLIOTT — Barbara (Splanger) Elliott, 85, of North Reading, died Sunday, Jan. 16 at Harborside Healthcare in Wakefield. Members of her family include her son, Winslow Elliott and his wife Pamela of Andover.

FOLEY — Mary Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Foley, 42, of Lawrence, died Tuesday, Jan. 18 at the family home following what members of her family called a brave fight against bile duct cancer. Her family includes her sister, Justine Croteau and her husband Robert, and close friends Russ and Joan Wrigley, all of Andover.

GANGI — Philip "Duffy" M. Gangi, 82, of Haverhill and Salisbury, died suddenly on Friday, Jan.

21 at Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill. Members of his family include his daughter, Rosemary Murphy; his brother, Domenic Gangi and his wife Diane; and granddaughter, Caitlin Murphy, all of Andover.

MARQUIS — John R. Marquis, 54, of Methuen, died Sunday, Jan. 23 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital after suffering a heart attack at home. Members of his family include his brother, Jeffrey R. Marquis of Andover.

MASSOUD — Massoud Massoud, 84, of Methuen, died Sunday, Jan. 23 at Mariner Health Care Center. Members of his family include his daughter, AnnMarie P. and her husband Michael Sheehy of Andover.

RUSSELL — Mazie L. Russell, 66, of Haverhill, died Friday, Jan. 21 at home. She worked in the manufacturing of circuit boards at Vicor in Andover for many years.

ZISA — Carmelina M. "Molly" Zisa, 81, of Derry, N.H., died Saturday, Jan. 22 at Fairhaven Nursing Home in Lowell. She was a tax examiner at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for 25 years.

OBITUARIES ARE
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etta, Ga., and Justin Curry of Westfield; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, Andover, 01810; or to St. Augustine Church Capital Campaign, 43 Essex St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Veronica R. Burke

Worked for IRS, Department of Defense for more than 40 years

Veronica Rose (Shugrue) Burke, 92, of Andover, died Monday, Jan. 24, at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born in Hyde Park and worked for the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Defense for more than 40 years.

Members of her family include her daughter, Margot

Frances Burke of Houston, Tex.; sister, Rita S. MacDonald of Andover; a niece and two nephews.

Family and friends may call today, Thursday, Jan. 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts General Hospital Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114, in memory of her late niece, Denise MacDonald.

Herbert K. Hemp

Worked several part-time jobs after retiring as a machinist

Herbert Kurt Hemp, 85, of Andover, died Thursday, Jan. 20 at Massachusetts General Hos-

pital in Boston.

He was a machinist at Lawrence Pumps for more than 25 years before retiring in 1982.

After retiring, he worked part-time for CLASS Social Service Agency, driving for the elderly and disabled, and part-time for Barcello's Market and the Andover Inn.

Born in Germany, Mr. Hemp served as an engineer on torpedo boats in the German Army during World War II. He and his wife moved from East Germany to West Germany in 1948, to Lawrence in 1957 and to Andover in 1972.

Members of his family include his wife of 49 years, Erika G. (Wendt) Hemp; and children, Uwe "Bert" Hemp and his wife Sharlene M. of North Andover, Regina E. and her husband Phillip L. Cole of Gloucester and Dagmar E. Hemp of Medford.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

50 Years Ago — 1955

Closing date for filing papers is Jan. 20. Candidates for town office and those interested in filing with the town clerk special articles for the town warrant are reminded that the closing time for nomination papers and special articles is 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The activity injected into town politics the last few days gives promise of several lively and interesting contests for offices at the town elections next March. The number of major projects facing the town this year are expected to be brought into the various campaigns by the time when the final date for filing nomination papers arrives.

A group of West Andover parents from the vicinity of Chandler Road and Brundett Avenue appeared before the School Committee on Tuesday night seeking a change in the school bus route.

Andover Grange 183 will meet at 8 p.m. next Tuesday in Grange Hall. The educational aid committee will be in charge of the program, which will follow the business meeting. Ernest Fieldhouse is chairman.

Naval aviation cadet Richard Sullivan Jr. has returned to his duties at Pensacola, Fla. after

spending several weeks at his parents' home on Virginia Road.

The annual installation dinner dance of the Andover Catholic Club was held Saturday evening, Jan. 15 at Andover Country Club.

Elias Ward — the world's largest animal trainer, spoke on "Jungle Adventure" at the annual guest club meeting of the November club on Jan. 10 at the clubhouse. The lecture was illustrated with colored slides.

25 Years Ago — 1980

The School Committee is scheduled to meet tonight to hear public comment on two school building project matters which grade organization to use for the project, and which elementary school to convert to a secondary school.

After working more than 35 years in the Andover post office, Henry Boucher, of 13 Brookfield Road, carried the mail for the last time Friday. Boucher was surrounded by his fellow carriers as he was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service. At 4:00 p.m., he punched the time clock for the last time.

Andover Morrissey Taxi, the only Andover-based taxi service, closed Jan. 1, partially due

to the rising fuel costs, Town Manager Jared S. A. Clark said this week.

Purity Supreme supermarket off Park Street will close Saturday night as the firm begins extensive renovations of the store. No specific date has been set for the reopening, according to Steven Durso, present manager of the Andover store.

It is still illegal to turn right on a red traffic signal in Andover, despite the so-called "right on red" legislation that went into effect earlier this month.

A public opinion hearing regarding school plans will be held tonight at 7:30 in the large group room at Andover High School.

Andover received \$418,828 in the latest distribution of state reimbursements. The amount distributed by the state Department of Revenue last week was from the highway, lottery, and additional assistance funds.

Funds for the new playing fields at the former sanitary landfill site are available, having been appropriated by Town Meeting last spring. Town Manager Jared S.A. Clark told the *Townsmen* this week that *loan* — not a *loan* — had been unavailable to begin work on the proposed play fields. It was inaccurately reported last week that the manager said that "funding for the playground planned for the old sanitary landfill is unavailable."

A policy governing the flying of the American flag in front of town buildings is being considered by selectmen. The proposed policy will spell out when the flag should be displayed and when it should be flown at half mast.

10 Years Ago — 1995

The search committee that will significantly narrow the field of applicants for the superintendent of schools position is officially in place, unless the dis-

trict attorney insists that the School Committee vote again on the selections it made at its illegal meeting last Tuesday.

Dick Muller, School Committee chairman, answered more questions Tuesday night about why negotiations broke down with Future Management Systems, the consulting firm the committee wanted to hire for its superintendent search, but he offered no new concrete information.

Before a packed house of concerned elementary school parents, the School Committee affirmed its support for the so-called "managed K-2 integrated primary" at Shawsheen School, and delayed other redistricting decisions until its next meeting.

Although actual construction at Andover High School is not yet underway, the School Building Committee has already spent approximately 90 percent of the money it allocated for reimbursing the project architects.

Selectmen will meet 15 minutes earlier than usual Monday night to hear a demonstration from Randy Hanson, town clerk, on the use of the town's new voting machines.

The kick-off meeting for the fourth annual townwide trash and litter clean-up and Earth Day Festival will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

Through Jan. 29, Girl Scouts of Spar and Spindle Council are selling Girl Scout cookies in the area for \$2.50 a package.

The board voted to approve Town Manager Buzz Staczynski's Capital Improvement Program, subject to the availability of funds and with some reservations. The program calls for spending roughly \$33 million on capital projects during the next five years.

— Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Noelle Petrillo

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Townspeople

Andover officials hopeful for a World Series trophy tour appearance

Organizers hopeful the trophy could be displayed in conjunction with the annual Andover Day on Friday, June 10

By Judy Wakefield

WHILE LOCAL PATRIOTS FANS ARE EXCITED about another Super Bowl appearance by the home team, they also have memories of the 2004 World Champion Red Sox to keep them warm.

Soon, they might also have the World Series trophy itself. The trophy is going to be brought around the state on a tour, and Andover has requested that the trophy appear locally on Friday, June 10.

The trophy would be displayed in conjunction with the annual Andover Day, a townwide event that replaced the former Bazaar Days downtown.

Red Sox officials announced last week that they are compiling about 1,000 requests from public and private organizations around the state. Team officials expect to spend the next several weeks mapping out the tour dates and community stops.

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino has pledged to bring the trophy to each of the state's 351 communities. All the communities have to do is ask, he has said.

Andover did just that earlier this month when Selectmen Chairman and baseball fan Brian Major filed a trophy-tour-stop request for Andover, with some help from Department of Community Services Director Mary Donohue.

"Why not?" Major said. "People would go nuts and it would just be a wonderful thing for townspeople."

Donohue agreed, saying the trophy display would bring out residents in droves.

"We're thinking of having a pep rally for the trophy and I think everyone would like that," Donohue said.

Major envisions the trophy sitting proudly in the bandstand in The Park at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets, with admirers forming a long line to get their pictures taken with it.

While Major already had his picture taken with the trophy, he said Andoverites should get to experience "that incredible feeling of awe" he felt when he touched the 30-pound brass and pewter trophy, which stands two feet tall. He enjoyed seeing the trophy at a recent meeting for community leaders hosted by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and



Around the horn — From left, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, Police Chief Brian Pattullo and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski hold the Red Sox World Series Trophy in Boston at a recent Massachusetts Municipal Association conference.

Police Chief Brian Pattullo also attended the meeting and posed with Major for a memorable photograph.

"It's just incredible that the Sox are doing this ... this is a trophy that has been out of our grasp for so many years and they are sharing it," Major said. "It's phenomenal and just a great PR move."

Red Sox Nation waited 86 years for a World Series title. The trophy has already traveled more than 20,000 miles and has been

shown to Sox fans in 10 different states and in the Dominican Republic.

So far, 66 cities and towns have requested a tour stop, including nearby communities North Andover, Methuen and Haverhill.

The Red Sox have partnered with the Massachusetts Lottery for the tour. The Lottery will spend \$225,000 of its \$10 million advertising budget to sponsor the tour.

TOWN TALK

Apprentice hopeful avoids first-round grilling

Michael Tarshi's education at Andover's Pike School was not meant to prepare him for a job flipping burgers. But that is what he did recently, along with a team of well-educated Donald Trump wannabes.

Tarshi made his debut appearance on NBC's hit show *The Apprentice* last Thursday.

The show, in its third season, offers the winning contestants a chance to learn the business practices of Donald Trump while earning a \$250,000 salary. Eighteen contestants are split into two teams. In the past, Trump has created all-male and all-female teams. This season, it will be book smarts versus street smarts.

Tarshi is a member of the college-educated book smarts group "Magna Corp.," which took its name from the term *magna cum laude*. Tarshi graduated from Boston College.

However, the members' higher educations didn't help them much in the first challenge — running a Burger King. The team lost, landing it in Trump's boardroom, where someone had to be eliminated.

Tarshi survived the first round, although the player with Andover roots was not featured during the episode. The show is known for catty fights, explosive disputes and some backstabbing. So far, Tarshi has avoided it all.

His only line was delivered during a private camera session. "I don't see any competition," said Tarshi, who added that he believed many of



Michael Tarshi's college-educated team was challenged to do a better job of running a Burger King fast food operation than its counterpart "street-smarts" team. Tarshi survived the first cut.

the female players looked "pampered."

Perhaps tonight Tarshi will steal more of the spotlight, and avoid the boardroom, where someone will hear Trump say his coined phrase, "You're fired!"

— Andrea Gregory

Hip to be square

Copying the *Hollywood Squares* TV show right down to the tic-tac-toe board, supporters of the Andover Youth Foundation hope their Andover Squares TV show will attract big ratings

with big donations to its annual telethon.

Segments of the show will air throughout the upcoming three-day telethon benefit for AYF's proposed youth center.

Taped last Friday night at the Collins Center, Andover Squares features contestants Lindsey Strube and Ben Schmidt, both Andover High School graduates, who square off trying to get three-in-a-row for a tic-tac-toe victory. Six town residents, including Andover High social studies teacher Dan Barch, this reporter, and former Youth Council advisor Colleen Georgian, answer various questions about town history posed by master of ceremonies Adam Stone, also an Andover High graduate.

From left, Jeanne Lothrop, Erica Weeks, Micaela Smith and Adam Stone answered the phones as people called in to bid on items at the Andover Youth Foundation 2nd Annual "Raising the Roof" live Telethon to benefit the Yvon Cormier Family Youth Center.

He did that last year when donations inched

toward \$100,000, honoring a promise he had made. In total, about \$120,000 was raised last year for the proposed youth center in West Andover.

The three-day telethon airs on local cable channel 8 from Feb. 2 to 4, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each night.

A list of auction items appears on AYF's Web site, andoveryouthfoundation.com. Bidders can call with their bids to volunteers who will staff three telephones at the Collins Center. The phone numbers will also be posted on the Web site.

— Judy Wakefield

Stating his intentions

The "suspense" is over. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski does want to continue as Andover top official.

When selectmen first began discussing Stapczynski's expiring contract and the reappointment process, he did not want to give a clear answer as to his intentions.

"I will announce it at the appropriate time. I want to leave you in suspense," Stapczynski had said in December.

Several of the selectmen assumed Stapczynski did want to keep his job. However, Selectman Ted Teichert had questioned why the board did not find out for sure before beginning the process.

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major said the idea was to introduce a layer of formality to the reappointment process. Stapczynski said he was following the board's wish.

He announced he does want to continue as town manager for another five years during a public meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 19, after *Townsmen* presstime. He said he wants the opportunity to turn studies such as the Vision 21 report and resident surveys such as the National Citizen Survey into action over the next years. He called them "blueprints" for the town.

Stapczynski is finishing his third five-year contract as Andover's town manager. His contract ends June 4.

But whether to keep him and offer another five-year contract needs to be decided by March 4.

On Jan. 19, selectmen heard a handful of residents offer praise for Stapczynski's leadership. Major said there were no negative comments.

The public will have another chance to weigh in on Feb. 7. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the selectmen's conference room on the third floor of Town Offices. People can also send comments to the selectmen.

Major said selectmen are aiming to make their decision on Feb. 14.

— Andrea Gregory



FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Carly Grace
Novelline

Carly Grace Novelline turned 1 on Jan. 24. She is the daughter of Brian and Kristen (Osborn) Novelline of Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Bill and Eileen Novelline of Andover, and Cathy and Bill Osborn of Winnetka, Ill. Great-grandmother is Mary Novelline of Burlington. Carly, an avid Red Sox and Cubs baseball fan, is enjoying her new home.



Andrew Grayson
Vaccaro

Andrew Grayson Vaccaro turned 1 on Jan. 12. He is the son of Joey and Mary Ann Vaccaro of Charlotte, N.C. Grandparents are Sal and Gail Vaccaro of Cypress, Tex. and Irvin and Doris McManus of Charlotte, N.C. Great-grandparents are Burton and Jean Jenkins of Andover. Drew is a very active little boy and enjoys playing with all his cousins.



Luke Alexander
Donnelly

Luke Alexander Donnelly turned 1 on Jan. 19. He is the son of Jim and Melinda Donnelly of West Springfield, formerly of Andover, and grandson of Philip and Elizabeth Tirrell of West Springfield. Luke misses his sisters Jacqueline and Abigail, who are away at college but keeps busy playing with those brothers and sisters still at home: Elspeth, Emma, Philip, Samuel, Charlotte and Isobel.



Max
Remes

Max Remes turned 1 Jan. 17. His parents Rick and Lauren Remes of Andover, brother Ely and aunts Sharon and Brenda Petzold all helped him celebrate. When not eating birthday cake for breakfast, Max enjoys sorting shapes, making noises at the cat, and trying to walk.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY
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William Joseph
Hughes

William Joseph Hughes turned 1 Jan. 14. He is the son of Bob and Susan Hughes of Harper Circle. Grandparents are Susan Rudd of Arlington, and Joe and Sylvia Hughes of Charlotte, N.C. William also has two great-grandmothers. Evelyn MacIntyre of Medford, and Helen Fetcko of Pittsburgh, Pa. Constantly smiling, William is very easygoing. He adores his brothers Jack, 6, and Michael, 4, and has so much fun playing with them.



Daniel J.
Nelson

Daniel J. Nelson turned 1 on Jan. 19. He is the son of Tim and former *Townsmen* employee Shelley Nelson of East Hampstead, N.H., and the grandson of Pauline Fontaine of Middleton, an advertising representative for the *Townsmen*. He is also the grandson of Jorge Teixeira of Middleton, Gail and Bob Nelson of Atkinson, N.H., and Vaughn and Fran Morin of Greenland, N.H. Great-grandmothers are Violet Fontaine, Marjorie Nelson and Mary Mason. Danny loves to read his books, play in his new toy box, and play with his two cats and dogs.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS ~ 2005 KEY DATES ~

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BAIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, are eligible to have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally be published in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a first birthday in February will be published in the Feb. 24 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 (see box).

Photos received after the deadline will not be published. Similarly, first birthday photos older than the current month also will not be published. Births are printed the first Thursday of the month.



Jackson Marshall
Retelle

Jackson Marshall Retelle will celebrate his first birthday Jan. 28. He is the son of Terry and Rose Retelle of Andover. His grandparents are Al and Evelyn Retelle, and John and Angie Capomacchio, all of Andover. Jack loves playing with his two dogs, Cleatus and Lucy, and his cat Louie. He also enjoys music and watching his daddy play guitar.



Caroline Grace
Rothmann

Caroline Grace Rothmann celebrated her first birthday Jan. 1. She is the daughter of Steven and Margie (Carroll) Rothmann of Andover. Grandparents are Susan and Joseph Carroll of West Yarmouth and Harry Rothmann of Winchester. She loves to have fun with her brothers Erich, 10, and Matthew, 4, and sisters Sarah, 8, and Emily, 6. Caroline also loves to watch *Finding Nemo* at bedtime.



Jackson William
Brown

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◀ Jackson William Brown will celebrate his first birthday Jan. 31. He is the son of Gregory and Leah Brown of North Street. Grandparents are Susie and Hugo Westphal of Waltham, and Buddy and Ellie Brown of Winchester. Jackson loves to throw balls, chase his two cats, and make his parents smile.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker
Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Boston Symphony Trip: We will attend an open rehearsal of the Boston Symphony on Thursday, Feb. 3, leaving the center at 8 a.m. The program will feature works by Johannes Brahms as

well as a pre-concert lecture. We will head over to Faneuil Hall for lunch (on one's own) following the rehearsal. Trip cost is \$25.

Boston Flower Show: The center will sponsor a trip to the New England spring flower show at the Bayside Expo on Tuesday, March 15. This year's show will feature more than 50

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Children and teens from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover will hold a bake sale this Sunday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to noon to raise money for the Asian tsunami victims.

The sale will take place outside Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

All money collected will go to Save The Children. For more information, contact Thea Shapiro at 978-475-4454.

The Village Garden Club of Andover invites the public to a program about Savannah's historic squares, homes and gardens entitled "The Gardens of Savannah," presented by Karin Jones on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square.

Guests are welcome and admission is free.

Jones lived in Savannah for 20 years and received her master's degree in design from Savannah College of Art and Design. The founder of a suc-

cessful design firm, she serves on the boards of the Historic Savannah Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce.

Nan James, Village Garden Club president, said, "Our club is delighted to have her as our guest speaker. Please join us for this delightful presentation."

Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m. The program begins at 8 p.m. sharp.

Call James at 978-475-2895, or Memorial Hall Library at 978-623-8400.

Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold a "Friday Night Live" Shabbat service tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Organizers said, "This will be an exciting evening of liturgy in a pop/rock style with our temple choirs and band. Please join us for this lively and special evening, which is open to all." Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road. For more information, call the temple office at 978-470-1356.

TOTEEMS & TACOS



Jesse Girrell, 6, and his parents, Sarah Blumenstock Girrell and Kris Girrell, all of Andover, enjoy family time at the Andover/North Andover YMCA's "Art Around The World" Family Night on Friday, Jan. 21. Craft projects included making paper *uchiwa*, paper fans from Japan; Chippewa dreamcatchers; and totem poles, fashioned after ones that Native Americans made. Many families also enjoyed a taco dinner and family fun swim after the craft projects.

FOR SENIORS

FLOWER SHOW

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landscaped gardens as well as a garden marketplace filled with more than 225 retail booths. Trip cost is \$25.

Harlem Gospel Choir: The senior center has a limited number of tickets available for the Harlem Gospel Choir performance at the Rogers Center on Saturday evening, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 if purchased through the center.

Valentine Brunch: The center will host Frank's Famous Valentine Brunch on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Selections will include omelets, home fries, bacon, a fruit and cereal station, assorted bagels, muffins and danish, chicken Marsala, beverages and a dessert station. Tickets are \$6 and are available on an advance-purchase basis only.

Chinese New Year Celebration: Come join us as we usher in the Year of the Rooster on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. Enjoy entertainment by members of the Chinese Cultural Exchange Group followed by a Chinese buffet supper. Tickets are \$5, available on an advance-purchase basis only. This event is usually sold out, so don't delay in signing up.

Andover Chamber Music: The center has a limited number of tickets (reduced price of \$15) for the Andover Chamber Music Series annual valentine

concert, which will take place at the Rogers Center on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the *Piano Quintet* by Brahms.

Creative Cooking/Lunch Group: Our creative cooking and lunch group will meet again Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. This friendly, fun group is open to anyone who enjoys watching someone else cook, sharing a few laughs, and sampling some good food. Our February menu will be stuffed beef, medley of vegetables, Edvardian potatoes, and dessert. Cost is \$6; reservations must be made by Feb. 18.

Brown Bag Lecture: Join us Wednesday, Feb. 16 at noon when we will be joined by authors Joan and Leon Wilde, whose topic will be "The Bed And Breakfast Caper: Scenes That Inspired A Story." Come and enjoy a brief trip through England, illustrated with slides from their own collection. The presenters will take us to some of the locales that inspired their story including Wisley, Stourhead, Didcot and York. A book signing with the authors will follow the presentation. Cost is \$2; advance reservations would be appreciated.

Massage Therapy: Another great winter offering is our on-site massage therapist who is here on Monday mornings by appointment. Just \$12 for a 20-minute treatment. If the winter

weather is aggravating to your neck, shoulders, back, etc., massage could prove to be therapeutic. Call the center at 978-623-8321 to schedule an appointment.

Pain Management Class: Began this week, runs Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; 10 weeks; \$40. Learn how to effectively manage and decrease symptoms while increasing functionality. Instructor Gerry Rainsville is a nurse educator who served as an adviser for eight years to patients with chronic pain at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as well as the Mind/Body Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. We encourage anyone struggling with this issue to take advantage of this important program. Those registering for this course may also take our easy exercise class at no additional charge.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will be Monday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. when we will watch the recent release, *DeLovely*, based on the life of legendary composer Cole Porter. Reservations are not necessary; just stop in.

Podiatry Clinics: Home Health VNA conducts two monthly podiatry clinics at the center. Give us a call at 978-623-8321 for dates, times and appointments.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business again

on Monday, Feb. 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

Gift Certificates: Gift certificates in all denominations are available at the Senior Center. They make a great gift for that hard to shop for person. Certificates are good for any program, class, trip, or special event offered by the center any may be used throughout the year.

Men's Breakfast: Our next men's breakfast will be held Friday, Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m. The presenter will be wildlife educator Michelle Luncford, whose presentation will cover tropical rainforest destruction, plant and animal life, endangered species, and layers of the rain forest. Several rainforest animals including an African parrot, kinkajou, argus monitor, skink and sugar glider will also visit us. Cost is \$3; advance reservations are necessary.

Book Club Discussion: The next book club discussion will take place Thursday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. Selection will be *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. Copies of the book are available to check out at the center; everyone is welcome. No charge.

Tax Preparation: Trained tax volunteers will offer help to prepare simple tax returns beginning Feb. 1. Call the center to make an appointment.

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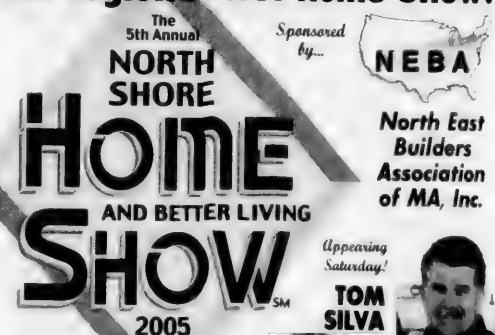
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 27

Sesame Street Live musical opens, "1-2-3...Imagine!" 7 p.m., all seats opening night only \$11 (additional fees might apply), at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com, or call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2000 or the Lowell Memorial Auditorium box office at 978-452-2299.

Peanut allergy workshop, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Asthma & Allergy Educational Support Group, how to prevent and handle food allergies, adults and children over the age of 7 welcome to attend, 7 p.m., free, North Andover Middle School, 495 Main St.; reserve a seat with Michelle Muller 978-475-4225.

Friday, Jan. 28

Celebrating Mozart's 249th, Phillips Academy music department is sponsoring three concerts in celebration of the composer's birthday anniversary, 7:30 p.m., free, Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St.; 978-683-9200.

Sesame Street musical, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., tickets \$13 and \$16, limited number premium tickets at \$19; all tickets subject to additional \$1 facility fee, other possible fees as well, see Jan. 27 entry.

"Friday Night Live" Shabbat Service, an evening of liturgy in a pop/rock style, sponsored by Temple Emanuel of Andover, with temple choirs and band, open to all, 7:30 p.m.; Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggitts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Concert, Mustard's Retreat and Scott Alarick, 8 p.m., \$15, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, Jet. Ries 110 & 125, Monument Square, Haverhill; 978-373-9259 or 978-372-5173 after 4 p.m. show day, or www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

Concert, world-jazz group Natraj, special guest Indian classical violinist Tara Anand, 7 p.m., \$12, \$10 students and seniors, children age 6 and under free, Chinmaya Maruti, One Union St.; 781-729-9170.

Concert, New England String Ensemble presents works by Grieg, Vivaldi, Haydn and more, with special backstage discussion one hour before concert, 8 p.m., tickets \$29 and \$19, \$10 students, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; call 781-224-1117 or order online at www.newengland-stringensemble.org.

Gender-free contra dance, Sarah Gregory Smith as caller, no experience necessary, no partner necessary, sit-in musicians welcome, 7 p.m., general instruction, 7:30 p.m. dance, \$5 per person, \$15 maximum per family, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; 781-944-0494 or www.uuredaing.org.

Mozart's 249th, Phillips Academy, 7 p.m., see Jan. 28 entry.

Sesame Street musical, 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., tickets \$13 and \$16, limited number premium tickets at \$19; all tickets subject to additional \$1 facility fee, other possible fees as well, see Jan. 27 entry.

Sunday, Jan. 30

Summertime camp fair, camp representatives from more than 50 day, overnight, girls, boys, and coed camps will be available to

answer questions and provide information about their camps, noon-3 p.m., free, Pike School, Sunset Rock Road; 978-475-1197.

Author reading and book signing, Paul Hudon, author of *Lower Merrimack, The Valley and Its Peoples*, reading from and signing copies of the newly revised edition of his popular illustrated history, sponsored by the Friends of Lawrence Heritage State Park and the Friends of Lawrence Public Library, 1:30 p.m., free, Lawrence Heritage State Park, One Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Discussion, "Les Mouvables," on the history of house moving in Andover (which has more than 250 documented structures that can claim more than one address) with local historian Jim Batchelder, 2 p.m., free, open to the public, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8400.

Artists' reception, Abstract paintings and sculptures by two Maine artists, Fred Lynch and Jeff Kellar, on exhibit through Feb. 26 at the McCoy Gallery in the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, reception today from 2-4 p.m., free and open to the public, regular gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission; Heather Toria 978-837-5195.

Rescheduled concert, Andover Choral Society performs *Carmina Burana*, a composition by Carl Orff, Alan Combs conducting the 60-member chorus and a 36-piece orchestra that includes two pianos and features solo performances by soprano Barbara Kilduff and tenor Arthur Rishi (this event was postponed after Jan. 23rd snowstorm), 7 p.m., \$15, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-687-8225 or www.andoverchoral.org.

Live jazz, Perfectly Frank, with Steve Martin & The Artie Barsamian 16-piece Big Band, 1:30-4:30 p.m., \$12 tickets in advance, \$15 at the door, Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

Mozart's 249th, Phillips Academy, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, see Jan. 28 entry.

Sesame Street musical, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., tickets \$13 and \$16, limited number premium tickets at \$19; all tickets subject to additional \$1 facility fee, other possible fees as well, see Jan. 27 entry.

Monday, Jan. 31

North Regional Theater Workshop, general planning meeting for all adults interested in participating in the upcoming spring musical review, 7 p.m., in the Great Hall at Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-658-0192 or www.nrtwinc.com.

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Count 'em in

Local groups eye poker's popularity for fund-raisers

By Judy Wakefield

HANDS DOWN, poker is the card game that's all the rage these days – even ESPN and Bravo are airing poker games. Now Andover's key fund-raisers want to be counted in.

Poker has arrived as a way to make money for a few Andover-based community-service groups. Andover's Service Club will deal itself into the game this Friday night with its Texas Hold 'Em tournament, at the Elks Lodge on Andover Street in Lawrence.

Club president Len D'Innocenzo agreed that poker is all the rage these days and he is hoping for a good turnout at Friday's event, which will run from 7 to 11 p.m.

D'Innocenzo said the Service Club of Andover, which raises money for youth programs and programs for those with special needs, is working with the Poker Knights, who are helping to organize the event. First-

place prize money is \$5,000 based on a minimum of 200 players.

Booster clubs for a few Andover-based

sports programs are also considering anteing up for poker nights, according to Lisa McDonald of Andover. McDonald is organizing a casino-night benefit for after-school clubs at Andover High School. Last year, she helped organize the same event and said it was very successful.

More than \$20,000 was raised. High school parents clearly supported the event and it's a "go" for this spring.

The Casino Night is moving to a bigger facility, Andover Country Club, and will be held on April 1. AHS Principal Peter Anderson has already signed up as a dealer.

McDonald said casino and poker themes are great for couples because men feel included – especially the ones who don't dance. Often, fund-raising events are dinner dances, and non-dancers can get bored.

Sea dreaming from Oklahoma

Native poet's works reflect his local roots

By Judy Wakefield

You can take the man out of New England, but you can't take New England out of the man.

Andover native and published poet Richard Brown has called Oklahoma home for the past few years, but his writing focuses on his wonderful memories from what he calls his other home – Plum Island.

"I miss the ocean, so I write about it," explained Brown, who attended Andover schools while growing up on Haggitts Pond Road. "Poetry keeps me going, giving something life. I have created something that lives and breathes. And my (writing) voice is getting better."

One reviewer had this to say about Brown's poetry: "It will allow you to experience the spray of ocean waves and the colors of nature while sitting in an apartment. He lifts our minds and souls to new heights with his insights into the magic of life."

The former Archdiocese of Boston worker, who was the caretaker at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery on Waverly Road in North Andover for 18 years, jumped on a real estate boom a few years ago and sold his house on Plum Island. He took the money and ran – well, actually, he drove, right out of New England.

A married father of four daughters, he packed up and hit the road in a recreational vehicle with his two youngest daughters and his wife. His two

oldest daughters opted to stay in New England.

"We got to Oklahoma and just stopped," said Brown, who knew the area, as his younger life of hard drinking brought him to a rehabilitation center for veterans in Arkansas. It was there that his writing potential was noticed and he went on to study at Connor State College and then the University of Oklahoma, earning an English degree and an impressive 3.9 GPA, he said.

The road's freedom offered Brown time to attend to his favorite hobby, writing poetry. While he truly misses the ocean – the nearest body of water is more than 400 miles away from his apartment in Broken Arrow – he has never regretted packing up and starting a writing career later in life in Oklahoma.

Set to turn 64 in March, he is happy with his poetry resume. It includes six self-published poetry books called chapbooks. They are small books of short

poems.

Brown is also drawing on his former job as a consultant for poetry in the Lawrence Public School system, grades kindergarten through 6.

"I visited classrooms, sometimes several in a day, and I wanted the kids to have fun. I wanted them to see that writing poems could be fun," Brown said. "We wrote haikus, limericks, songs about whales, that sort of thing."

"And the kids would laugh because I wore a big floppy hat and had my long hair," he chuckled.

Rhyming poems were his focus in his early writing days, but his approach is not so limited these days.

While he's received his share of rejection letters from a variety of magazines, Brown has enjoyed some moderate success, as his work has appeared in *Yankee Magazine*.

"I've actually been encouraged by some of those rejection

letters because people have written notes in the corner about what they liked in my poem," he said.

So, he presses on with his writing. In spite of serious health problems – he is disabled from emphysema due to smoking two packs of cigarettes a day for several years – he says the poetry keeps him going.

"Living life to the fullest is what matters," he summed up.

For him, that means writing about the ocean from Oklahoma.

Poet Richard Brown of Broken Arrow, Okla., grew up on Haggitts Pond Road in Andover. He was 15 and attending Punched High School when the family moved out of Andover in 1956. His chapbooks of short poems are available through his self-publishing company, Grayhair Press, and available for \$6.50 by writing to Brown at 5001 S. Hickory Ave., Suite 201, Broken Arrow, OK 74011.


Tambakos Film Collection continues annual Classic Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts

The 2004-05 Classic Film Series being presented in the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College will present the latest film in its series, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.

Directed by Stanley Kramer and starring Sydney Poitier, Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, this 1967 film deals with racial issues that are still often provocative and controversial, organizers said. The story features Hepburn and

Tracy in their last performance together, as a liberal couple who are nonetheless surprised when their daughter comes home with her older fiancée, who also happens to be Black.

At 6:30 p.m., before each film screening, there will be coffee, cookies and expert commentary on each film presented by Amy Klayman. Films will begin at 7. Admission is free and open to the public. Call the Rogers Center box office at 978-837-5355 for further information.



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Harlem Gospel Choir, the world famous Harlem Gospel Choir is one of the pre-eminent gospel choirs travelling the world, sharing its joy of faith through music since 1986. 7 p.m., tickets in advance: \$18, \$16 seniors, all tickets at the door: \$20. Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; tickets at the box office Monday-Friday, 978-837-5355 or reserve online at www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Winter festival, Martin's Pond Association's 12th annual event (rain date Feb. 6) raises funds for playground and environmental uses at the 100-acre pond, skate, ski, or ice fish, then warm up with hot cocoa by the fire on the beach and lunch of chowder, chili, raffle, \$8

adult, \$4 child. Clarke Park, Burroughs Road, North Reading (opposite Shaw's supermarket on Rte. 28); for information or to volunteer, call 978-664-1776 or www.martinspond.org

Sunday, Feb. 6

Summer opportunities fair, Phillips

Academy will host representatives from more than 70 local, national, and international summer and interim year programs that offer a wide range of academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, international homestay, travel, internships, community service, camps, arts, sports, and more for middle school and high school students, noon-2 p.m., free and open to the public, in Commons Dining Hall, 16 Salem St.; Summer Opportunities Office 978-749-4480.

Concert, pianist Eleanor Perrone teams up with a stellar lineup of

string players for a "super" concert of chamber music. Perrone returns to chamber music with violinist Sharon Gewirtz, violist Noralee Walker, and cellist Laura Thielke to present a program of piano quartets and other configurations, 2 p.m., tickets in advance: \$12, \$10 seniors, all tickets at the door: \$14. Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; tickets at the box office Monday-Friday, 978-837-5355 or reserve online at www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

"Music, Imagination & Joy," Symphony by the Sea orchestra and Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra jointly present a concert and hands-on experience to introduce children to orchestral music, 1-3 p.m., \$8 children, \$12 adults, Ipswich Performing Arts Center at Ipswich High School, Rtes. 133 and 1A (one mile north of Ipswich center); tickets by phone 978-745-4955 or online at www.symphonbythesea.org.

"Super Bowl-a-Thon," to benefit Alternative House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., prizes and "mystery drawings," registration \$20 individual, \$30 family (up to four), Brunswick Zone, 647 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell; register at 978-937-5777.

Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art.

Eye on the Collection: Copley to Hopper, Selections from the Addison's extensive permanent collection including more than 40 landscapes, cityscapes, still lifes and portraits that span 200 years of the richness and complexity of American art, through July 31; **Girls' Night Out**, Photography and video by 10 international and intergenerational female artists exploring themes such as the passage from girlhood to womanhood, and notions of beauty and female identity, through April 3; Gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, gallery hours Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or visit www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Main Gallery: *We Skate Hardcore*, a collection of photographs and video images by Vincent Cianni capturing the lives of young inline skaters from Brooklyn, through Feb. 3; Emerging Artist Gallery: *Perfect Intimacy*, images from life in a convent by Lili Almog, through Feb. 20; Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819, go.boston.com/brushartgallery; the-brush@netscape.net.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Churchill Gallery, an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Essex Art Center, *This Is How We Float*, solo exhibit of mixed-media

paintings and sculpture by Jeff Badger in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, through Feb. 25; *Against the Grain*, furniture and sculpture by Kate Hasskan, Didier Kouassi, and Dale Rogers on exhibit in the Main Gallery, through Feb. 25; gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

Memorial Hall Library, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Lorica Arts, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, celebrating the 2004 holiday season with an art show called "Wondrous Gifts," featuring new work from Irish and American artists; gallery hours: 10

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Andover Choral concert date changed to Sunday

To celebrate the 75th year of the Andover Choral Society, Alan Combs, conductor, selected Carl Orff's *Carmine Burana*, a work that will now be performed Sunday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Rogers Center of the Performing Arts of Merrimack College in North Andover.

The event was rescheduled after the snowstorm last Sunday, Jan. 23.

Tickets (\$15 each) can be obtained from chorus members or at the door of the Rogers Center.

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Walsingham Gallery, works by artists J.C. Airola, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evovarts.com.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

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Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyport-art.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly 978-927-5964.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556 info@ayerlofts.com.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Fri-

day, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

Crescent Dragon Gallery, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.gallery-oni-homestead.com/1.html.

Newburyport Art Association, Sargent Gallery and the Hartson Gallery (upstairs), Laura Coombs Gallery, hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Erlich Gallery, featuring an exhibition of two nationally recognized artists, Tony Abeyta and Elizabeth Rickert, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Newburyport Art Association, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 165 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

Peabody Essex Museum, In Nature's Company, featuring works by more than 20 Massachusetts artists who rely on nature for their creative source, through Sept. 18, open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$9-\$13 admission, East India Square, Salem, Mass.; 978-755-1876, www.pem.org.

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Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays 3 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, Tranquility: Watercolors and Pastels by Ruth Brunquell, through Feb. 5, part of the ongoing Contemporary Artists Series; tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century; open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Immigration Heritage opening reception, "Lawrence Massachusetts: A First American Home," a featured exhibit at Ellis Island during 2004, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily through Jan. 31, Lawrence History Center (formerly Immigrant City Archives), 6 Essex St., Lawrence; Patricia Jaysane 978-686-9230.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines, as well as the world's largest library of printing-related books and documents; in addition, the museum recently acquired the extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two 90-foot galleries, library and four floors of archival stacks are all available to the public, \$5 admission, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century; library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

Peabody Essex Museum, Havana: Photographs by Robert Polidori, through Jan. 9; *Our Land: Contemporary Art from the Arctic*, the Nunavut territorial collection of Inuit art, through Jan. 30; Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem; 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

American Textile History Museum, Born on the 4th of July - Textile symbols from America's heritage celebrate the nation and the important role textiles have played in describing American views of country and character. Artifacts, ranging from coverlets to cloth labels and costumes in design motifs from stars and stripes to soaring eagles, are used to explore 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century textile symbols and show how different points of view, all based on love of country and defense of her principles, have been embraced as patriotic; exhibit runs through Sunday, April 3; Textiles in America - Permanent exhibit of textiles, tools, machines, photographs, advertising ephemera, and other artifacts shows how people have used art and science during the past 250 years to create beautiful and useful textiles; more than 500 artifacts from the museum's collections are used in imaginative period settings and gallery displays; ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members; parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

The Revolving Museum, hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787 www.revolvingmuseum.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

House of Seven Gables, open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; extended hours until 7 p.m., through October, \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex Coun-

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Natraj will perform in concert this Saturday, Jan. 29 at Chinmaya Maruti, 1 Union St. For tickets and information, call 781-729-9170.

World-jazz group Natraj in performance here at Chinmaya

With Indian classical violinist Tara Anand as special guest

THE WORLD-JAZZ GROUP NATRAJ presents a concert this Saturday, Jan. 29 at Chinmaya Maruti, 1 Union St. (Route 28, off I-495), Andover.

This program features special guest, Indian classical violinist Tara Anand, of the Chinmaya Maruti music faculty. The music begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 (general) and \$10 (students, seniors); age 6 and under free. For tickets and information, call 781-729-9170.

Natraj features Phil Scarff, soprano saxophone; Michael Rivard, string bass; Jerry Leake, tabla multipercussion; and Bertram Lehmann, drums and percussion.

From Boston to Toronto, and from India to Ghana, organizers said Natraj has delighted listeners in clubs, concert halls, and festivals since 1987. Selected as Boston's Best Jazz Band by the *Improper Bostonian*, Natraj

captivates and excites audiences with exotic textures, accessible melodies, and rhythmic energy.

"Natraj... seamlessly fuses classical Indian music, the traditional music of West Africa, and contemporary jazz to create its own style," declares *Asian Age*, Bangalore, India.

Natraj recently toured India, performing with Indian classical stalwarts, saxophone great Kadri Gopalnath, maestro Chitraveena N. Ravikiran, and violinist Sriram Parasuram.

Guest violinist and Chinmaya Maruti music faculty member Tara Anand brings her mastery of Indian classical music to Natraj's exploratory synthesis. This program showcases her violin magic on original works, as well as new treatments of traditional Indian compositions. Anand has toured the US and India, performing with esteemed artists, including T. R. Subramaniam.

M. L. Vasanthakumari, Prof. Ramanathan, Sudha Raghunathan, Nookala Satyanarayana, T. Rukmini, and NEA Choreography Fellow Jothi Raghavan. Anand has received numerous awards from the Music Academy and Krishna Gana Sabha in Chennai, India.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Chinmaya Mission, Boston, which operates Chinmaya Maruti. Chinmaya Mission is dedicated to providing individuals the wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for spiritual growth and happiness. Vedanta is the core of Hindu philosophy, the universal science of life, and helpful to people of all faiths, organizers said. Chinmaya Mission offers spiritual and cultural programs, including daily services, discussion groups, yoga, community service, and Indian music and dance instruction.

FOR THE KID IN YOU

Newspapers in Education

Explorer puts US on top

December 1957 was a disaster for the U.S. space program. Soviet scientists had launched two Sputnik satellites the previous two months. American scientists decided to launch a satellite to prove America was still in the Space Race.

They used a three-stage Vanguard rocket. Each stage was made by a different company. They had not been tested together.

Still the scientists invited a huge crowd of reporters and photographers to Cape Canaveral. All were watching Pad 18A on Dec. 6 just before noon as the countdown reached zero.

The rocket's first stage ignited for two seconds. It rose four feet, then fell back and exploded. It set the whole area on fire, destroying the rocket and part of the pad.

The world laughed. People called the effort "Kaputnik" (kaput is slang word for "wrecked beyond repair"). Russian diplomats taunted Americans by offering to help save the American space program while still feeding poor people in the Third World.

The one bright spot was that the explosion blew the little Vanguard satellite clear of the fire. Everything still worked. Right on time, it deployed its antenna and started sending data. It thought it was in space, not in a field of tall grass.

America came back less than two months later.

Wernher von Braun's teams had built another rocket called Jupiter-C and a satellite called Explorer.

Jupiter lifted off at 10:48 p.m. on Jan. 31, 1958. The first rocket stage burned for 2 minutes and 27 seconds. The second, third and fourth stages also worked perfectly. But the rocket was out of sight after the first few seconds. There was no news for 90 minutes.

Then a U.S. tracking station in California's Mojave Desert reported, "Goldstone has the bird." America rejoiced. It was back in the Space Race and actually moved past Russia in several ways.

Explorer's orbit, 984 miles from earth, was much bigger than Sputnik's. Explorer had instruments for real scientific research and helped discover the Van Allen Radiation Belts. Without that, manned space travel would have been much more dangerous.

And when a new Vanguard was launched March 17, 1958 it sent data for more than six years. It is still in space today, the oldest manmade object orbiting Earth.

Next week The Kid will explore satellites that visit American homes.

Activity

1. Calculate how old someone born in 1958 would be today.
2. Interview your teacher, parents, grandparents or other adults. Ask what they remember about the Space Race. Write a feature story about their memories.
3. Watch President Bush's Inaugural address. Does he mention space?

Word Search

Find these words related to space: Earth, Gravity, Orbit, Moon, Race, Rocket, Satellite, Space, Star, Sun

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US Navy Photo from NASA-KSC
The United States' first attempt at launching a satellite (left) ended in disaster. Two months later, the US successfully launched Explorer 1.

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ONGOING

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Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House, tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 34 Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.: 978-744-0440.

Meetings/Activities

Public skating, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30-11:50 a.m., additional Friday 7:30-8:50 p.m., Sundays 1:30-2:50 p.m., \$3 admission, rental skates available, Chelmsford Forum, Brick Kiln Road, North Billerica; 978-670-3700 or visit fmcarenas.com.

Adult English classes, sponsored by the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley Inc., 3-month program of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m., preschool available for children ages 3 to 5 with parents enrolled in classes; 978-683-7316.

Audition to sing Haydn and Brahms, New England Classical Singers, under Artistic Director David Hodgkins, has openings for experienced singers of all parts for the remaining two concerts of their 2005 season, scheduled to be performed at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover on March 5, featuring Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*, and on May 7, Brahms's *Neue Liebeslieder-Walzer*, rehearsals are held at the South School in Andover; 978-474-6090 or visit www.newenglandclassical.org

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 603-667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy.

Fish On! program setting bait

Sixth annual February fishing program is at the library

Memorial Hall Library staff and the Friends of the Library kick off their sixth annual month-long series of Tuesday evening fishing programs and exhibits related to fishing, with FISH ON! ANDOVER 2005.

The series will run weekly from Feb. 1 through Feb. 22. These programs will start at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. Last year, more than 500 fishermen, fisherwomen and children attended these programs.

In addition to the speakers' program, a separate display room will be set aside for literature, catalogs, and magazines from selected manufacturers.

Interesting fishing equipment, flies, tackle, maps, and photographs will also be on display through the month, organizers said.

All fishing programs begin at 7 p.m.; fishing videos will screen at 6:30.

All programs are free. The Fish On! Andover 2005 schedule includes:

Feb. 1 - Fly fishing opportunities on Massachusetts' finest



Certified fly-casting instructor Marla Blair is the first woman in the history of the library's fishing speakers' program.

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trout streams with Marla Blair. Fly Fishing Federation-certified fly-casting instructor, fly-fishing guide on the Farmington, Deerfield, Swift and Westfield rivers, and pro staff member of Simms and Albrite Tackle Cos. There will be a fly-casting demonstration at 7 p.m.

Feb. 8 - Fishing the Merrimack River with Captain Charles Crue, owner of Channel Edge Charters out of Newburyport. Crue has fished these waters for 20 years and will show slides and a video on techniques for catching striped bass and bluefish using light spinning and fly fishing tackle.

Feb. 15 - Game Fish Grand Slam with Russ Vitallo, Massachusetts and New York fishing guide and TV fishing show host. Vitallo will show his latest video, on fishing for small-mouth and large-mouth bass, striped bass, muskellunge and crappies.

Feb. 22 - Salt Water Magic with Mike Laptew, the Diving Fisherman. Laptew will present his newest underwater video showing blues, stripers, tuna and sailfish; and also footage of expeditions to Costa Rica, Long Island and Cuttyhunk Island in search of monster stripers.

p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

Lowell Opera Company, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926, www.operalowell.org.

Memorial Hall Library, Merrimack Valley Quilters, Artist of the Month, book discussion every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square; www.mhl.org.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-0900 or www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

Merrimack Valley People for Peace, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association, non-profit group meets the first Monday of the month, October-May; membership is open to new or established private music instructors; activities include lectures, recitals, masterclasses, and teacher exchanges; Jody Brickman 978-470-3509.

Merrimack Valley Hospice, meeting weekly at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover; 978-552-4830.

Merrimacks Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Thursday of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's acappella group, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., a special a cappella workshop this summer for all women interested in singing, Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Wilmington; 978-851-7764 www.merrimackvalleychorus.com.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori 978-794-

1973.

Middlesex Singers, mixed chamber music chorus, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 2 Westford St., Chelmsford; Pat Moore 978-256-7143.

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers play space for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., \$25 one year; Kathleen 978-689-4911 or Michelle 978-475-2577.

Mother Circle, a non-profit group that meets the needs of stay-at-home moms, discuss and hear a range of topics from sibling rivalry to maintaining your sanity, childcare provided, New England Bible Church, www.nebible.org.

New England Classical Singers, under the artistic direction of David Hodgkins, has openings for experienced singers in all parts for their 2004-05 season; three performances planned, Chaprentier's *Midnight Mass* for Christmas; Hayden's *Lord Nelson Mass* and Brahms' *Neue Liebeslieder-Walzer*; call 978-474-6090 to schedule an audition or www.newenglandclassical.org.

Newburyport Choral Society, rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 978-373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 978-465-2215.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Lisa Raphael of Andover at 978-470-0736, or Mary McKenzie of North Andover 978-687-3352.

North Parish Quilters, meet the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, refreshments available, doors open at 6:30 p.m., meetings begin at 7, new members welcome, guest fee \$5, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading; Susan Reichter, 978-475-6973.

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Sports

AHS BASKETBALL

Girls stay unbeaten

Boys (7-4) battle Haverhill but can't hold on, 58-55

By Rick Harrison

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Challenges have been few and far between for the Andover High girls varsity basketball team this season.

With the exception of a four-point Christmas Tournament title-game win over North Andover, and a gritty 12-point triumph over Central Catholic in mid-December, the two-time reigning North Sectional and Eastern Mass. Division 1 champions had not been seriously tested until they traveled to Haverhill recently.

"There's something about the Haverhill gym," said AHS coach Jim Tildsley. "We haven't played well there the past few years. They always seem to shoot well and give us a hard time."

Last February, after beating the Hillies by 20 points at Andover (64-44), the Lady Warriors dropped their MVC finale 51-49 at Haverhill before making a run to the state final.

Two years ago, a 24-1 state championship season for AHS, the locals pulled out a pulsating 43-42 win at

Haverhill (and needed overtime to win 60-58 at home).

This time around there were several lead changes and ties throughout the game before Andover pulled out a 58-50 victory.

It was the 12th straight triumph for the Lady Warriors, who have also posted wins this season by blowout 44, 41, 30, 27, 23, 22 and 20-point margins.

The triumph lifted the locals to 12-0 overall, including 8-0 atop the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 standings.

The perfect record this deep into the season is nothing new.

It is the sixth time since Tildsley became coach in 1995 that the Andover girls have won at least 10 games to start the season.

The top streak was 24 straight in 1996-97, when AHS went all the way to the state semifinals undefeated.

In 1997-98 the Lady Warriors won their first 19 games before losing to Methuen, 53-52, in the regular season finale.

Andover has also been 16-0 and 15-

0 before suffering its first loss.

The 12 wins boost Tildsley's spectacular career record at AHS to 195-29 in 10 years, as the countdown to milestone victory No. 200 continues.

Schedule

Andover ended a six-day layoff when it played at Arlington Catholic last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, in a non-leaguer.

Tomorrow night the rematch with MVC 1 runner-up Central Catholic (10-2, 8-1 MVC 1) is on tap at the Raiders' gym (7:30 p.m.). CCHS can grab a share of first place with a victory.

"It's a tough week," said Tildsley. "These are two very strong opponents."

Seven of the Lady Warriors' last 10 regular season games are away from home.

Scoring leaders

With a team-high 153 points thus far this season, Jackie Powers has boosted her three-year total to 610.

Maggie Cosgrove has 127 points and Meghan Thomann 119 through 12 games.

Andover 58

Haverhill 50

Capt. Jackie Powers produced her finest all-around performance of the winter, playing all 32 minutes and finishing with a season-high 20 points (19 twice), eight assists (second highest of season), five steals and two blocked shots.

But it took Powers & Co. awhile to get untracked, as rude host Haverhill jumped to early leads of 8-0 and 12-2.

Andover battled back, however, inching ahead 16-15 at the 10:52 mark when Meghan Thomann buried a three-pointer.

The Lady Warriors led 33-28 at the half, and when Maggie Cosgrove nailed a trey to open the second half the lead jumped to eight, 36-28.

Haverhill clawed back to a 40-40 tie with 8:39 to play, before AHS escaped on a 12-2 run capped by back-to-back trifectas from Powers and Thomann.

The Hillies refused to wilt, however, creeping back within 54-50 after an 8-2 burst before Andover slammed the door by scoring the game's final four points.

"It wasn't easy — that's for sure," said Tildsley. "We struggled and Haverhill played its best game of the season."

"We had a lot of good shots and many of our misses were in-and-out."

The final tally showed AHS hit only 20-of-72 from the floor (28 percent).

"Powers played her heart out," said Tildsley, "and Cosgrove hit a lot of big

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James Primes, leading in the early stages of the two-mile race, proved to be the winner.

AHS ROUNDUP

Running away with it

Boys track team takes share of MVC honors

By Rick Harrison

A league championship was won (boys track), a state tournament berth secured (girls hockey) and five varsity teams remained undefeated (girls hoop, girls gymnastics, boys track, girls and boys skiing) to highlight another interesting week of Andover High winter sports action.

INDOOR TRACK

The undefeated Andover High boys varsity track team hammered visiting Central Catholic, 57-29, clinching at least a share of the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 dual-meet title with the victory at the Andover High Field House.

The AHS girls also battled Central and dropped a tough 44-42 decision to the Raiders.

Those results left the boys at 5-0 overall and the girls at 1-3.

Schedule

The next dual meet — the final one against an MVC 1 opponent — is this afternoon (Thursday) at Lowell High (3:30 p.m.) versus the host Red Raiders.

The annual State Class A and Class B Coaches Relays were postponed by last weekend's snowstorm and rescheduled for this Sunday (9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.) at the Reggie Lewis Track Center in Roxbury.

Andover boys 57

Central Catholic 29

The Golden Warriors placed first in seven of the 10 events, sweeping the 50 dash and going 1-2 in the high jump on the way to their fifth straight win.

Jason Sheldon led the way for the champs as he placed first in the 50 dash (5.7 seconds) and ran a leg for the vic-

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In charge — Jackie Powers enjoyed her best game of the season against Haverhill, scoring 20 points and netting eight assists, five steals and two blocked shots. The Lady Warriors, now 12-0, defeated the Hillies, 58-50.

CHAMPIONS ON ICE



Valley Junior Warriors win sixth annual Bell Capital Cup — The high-flying Pee wee Minor Elites captured the 2005 Bell Capital Cup Herb Brooks Division Pee wee Minor AAA Championship played earlier this month in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. From left are Alex King (whose father is head coach Peter King), High Plain Elementary School; (standing) Paul Russell, West Middle School; and Johnathan Daniels, St. Augustine School. All three sixth-graders are 11 and are from Andover. The Warriors were the sixth seed in the Herb Brooks Division with an overall record of 45-1 coming into the event. Teams are seeded in the tournament by their records at the beginning of tournament play. Twenty-six top teams from Europe, Canada and the United States made up the division.



First place in Tewksbury's George Timmy Emest Tournament — As it appears the NHL will not play at all this season, hockey fans might want to consider a taking in an Andover Squirt 1 game. The Squirt 1's captured first place in Tewksbury's George Timmy Emest Tournament, sponsored by the Lowell Lock Monsters. The tournament was played during the school holiday week at the Super Skills Rink in Dracut. From left are: (kneeling) David Belluchi, Jake O'Brien, Dan Prawdzik, Jim Walsh, Matt McIver and Ben Murphy; Standing: Mike Quinlan, Ryan Oteri, Jason Nawrocki, Andrew Bruno, Taylor Perkins (in back), Tyler Weeks, Sawyer Rogers and Cam Johst. Back row: Coach Chip Rogers, Coach Dan Prawdzik, mascot Louie the Lock Monster and Coach Ed Oteri. [Story, page 22.]

AHS ROUNDUP

INDOOR TRACK

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torious 4x400 relay.

Robert Kaufman, Pierre Hage and Jeff Belardo, all of whom scored in individual races, joined Sheldon on the relay which crossed in 3:45.0.

Hage (34.4) and Kaufman (34.8) placed second and third respectively in the 300 dash, while Belardo (5.8) was third in the 50.

Other Andover winners were hurdler Chris Cole (6.8), Garrett Rayner in the 600 run (1:20.2), two-miler James Primes (10:19.5), high jumper T.J. Moore (5'7") and shot putter Kyle MacKenzie (47'4 3/4").

Other second places were garnered by Alex Perry (50 dash, 5.8), Ben Ossoff (1000 run, 2:33.4), miler Sasha Seletsky (5:02.4) and high jumper Nate Baker (5'7").

Also third were hurdler Jim McDonald (7.1), Matt Malloy (600 run, 1:21.5), Mike Baldwin (1000, 2:37.4), miler Jim Muller (5:12.2) and two-miler Peter Brown (10:34.3).

Central Catholic 44

Andover girls 42

The Lady Warriors won five of the 10 events but fell just short of knocking off CCHS (4-1).

Rachel Fox had another excellent afternoon, remaining undefeated in the 600 run (1:30.5) in dual meets and joining Emily Korba, Brittany Pierce and Meghan Keefe on the victorious 4x400 relay (4:21.9).

Caroline Pierce finished first in the 50 dash (6.3), freshman Mary Burke captured the two-mile (12:51.9) and Felicia Thompson remained unbeaten in the shot put with a prodigious 35'10 3/4" heave.

Runners-up for the locals were Keefe by a half-stride in the 50 hurdles (7.4), Kate Nichols (300 dash, 41.5), Korba (600 run, 1:33.5) and miler Leslie Willey (5:35.1).

Rounding out the AHS scoring with thirds were hurdler Brittany Pierce (7.5), sprinters Jen Hagopian (50 dash, 6.5) and Emily Barker (300 dash, 42.3), Michelle Pirro (1000 run, 3:00.1) and high jumper Kerry Hill (4'6").

Among the keys to the victory for Central were 1-2 finishes in the 1000 and high jump.

Andrea Govatsos was a double winner for the Raiders in the 300 dash (41.3) and high jump (4'8").

ALPINE SKIING

The Andover High girls alpine ski team remained unbeaten, as did top racer Michelle Guy, after a 117-18 dual-meet romp over Masconomet Regional of Topsfield at the Bradford Hill Ski Area.

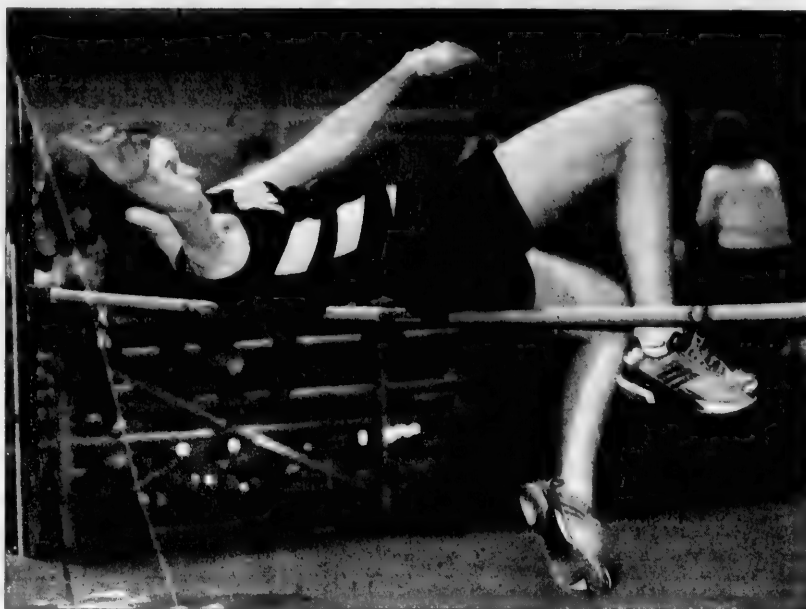
The triumph kept the Lady Warriors tied with North Andover atop the North Shore League standings, and the neighbors/co-leaders have a showdown meet scheduled this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30.

At presstime both the AHS girls, two-time reigning NSL champs, and boys were perfect at 3-0.

Andover girls 117

Masconomet 18

For the third straight race, Michelle Guy led the field and sparked a top three sweep for



Kerry Hill clears the bar at 4 feet, 6 inches in the high jump.

AHS by navigating through the gates in 22.32 seconds.

Improving Cara Suglia was No. 2 for the locals, and ninth overall in the league, with a 23.81 clocking.

Rachel O'Hara placed third in the meet (24.09), and after Masco grabbed fourth the next nine spots went to Andover skiers.

Kayla Fosse was 5th in 24.28 and completing the top 10 were Carly Holstein (6th, 24.34), Dani Liffman (7th, 24.52), Cayley Christopher (8th, 24.54), Colleen Heath (9th, 25.25) and Margaret Doherty (10th, 25.34).

Tied for 11th were Julie Harker (25.56) and Amanda Carrington (25.56), while Kara Bularzik (25.62) capped the AHS scorers in 13th.

"The key to our chances against North Andover is our depth," noted Andover head coach Tom Busta. "Everyone needs to turn it up a notch - and there is no doubt in my mind they will."

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High girls varsity hockey team improved to 11-1 overall, 5-0 atop the Metro North League, with a convincing 6-0 whitewash of Chelmsford and 4-1 non-league win over Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

The victories qualified the Lady Warrior skaters for the State Division 2 Tournament once again.

Last year the locals reached the state semifinals, beating Marblehead (10-2) and Wilmington (4-2) before bowing out with an 4-3 overtime loss to Wellesley.

"These two games were our most complete performances of the season," said AHS coach Bill McCarthy. "We showed a lot of character. Everything is coming together nicely and we're playing like a team."

"Now that we have the tournament berth - and we're in good shape in the league - we can work more in practice on the little things that win close tournament games."

Scoring leaders

Becky Cairns leads the team in scoring through 12 games with 12 goals and 21 assists for 33 points.

All-time school scoring

leader Maria Nasta has 22 goals and nine assists for 31, while Alison Burns has 10-10-20 and Becca Lindmark 5-11-16.

Nasta has two hat tricks and goaltender Christina Cahill two solo shutouts and one shared with eighth-grader Rachel Bergan.

Nasta is the first player in the brief history of the Andover High girls ice hockey program to score 100 career points.

The sharpshooter's up-to-date AHS career numbers are 72 goals and 42 assists for 114 points, including a school single-season record 36 goals and 17 assists last winter.

Sophomore Cairns is well on her way to 100 points with 71 in just 1 1/2 seasons.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors returned to the ice yesterday (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, with a game at Everett.

Andover 6

Chelmsford 0

A five-goal explosion in the second period put this game out of reach, as the Lady Warriors completed a season-series sweep of Chelmsford (6-4 win on Dec. 18) with this whitewash at the Chelmsford Forum in Billerica.

The victory came after the Lions had put together several impressive performances recently, including a 2-2 tie with Westford Academy (only team to beat Andover) and a 3-1 win

over Acton-Boxboro.

Kim Chandler gave AHS a 1-0 lead with a goal at 11:10 of the opening period.

Sophomore forward Alison Burns sparked the second-period eruption, her ninth and 10th goals only 96 seconds apart and sandwiched around Maria Nasta's 20th of the season.

Samantha Collins made it four goals in less than two minutes, completing the attack at 8:20 of the middle stanza.

Becky Cairns notched the other goal and passed out two assists, while eighth grader Becca Lindmark had a pair of setups.

Contributing an assist each were juniors Kristen Costagliola, Ally Brown and Amy Marlow, along with senior Liz Sambuco and eighth graders Heather Paonessa and Sarah Ostrofsky.

Sophomore goaltender Christina Cahill played the first two periods and eighth-grader Rachel Bergan the third for the combined shutout, the pair making 12 saves for Andover's third whitewash of the season (Billerica and Waltham).

The locals held a wide 44-12 shooting edge, and combining for 38 saves in the Chelmsford cage were freshman Britni Rowe (36 shots, 32 stops) and Sarah Murphy (8 shots, 6 saves).

The Lions played without top scorer Samantha Rowe who was sidelined by the flu bug.

Andover 4

Masconomet 1

AHS, having ripped Masco 9-3 in mid-December, took a quick 1-0 lead when Maria Nasta connected on the power play just 1:45 into the game at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink.

It was a textbook give-and-go as Becky Cairns passed to Alison Burns behind the Masco net, and she circled the cage before feeding Nasta positioned out



Rachel Fox (in front) was first and Emily Korba (in back) placed second in the 600.

front.

"It's a designed play we use and it worked like we set it up on the drawing board," said coach McCarthy.

The Lady Chieftains tied it 1-1 on a Lizzy Chapman goal - the visitors' only tally of the day - at 4:43 of the opening session.

The combatants remained locked in a 1-1 tie until Andover erupted for three third-period goals less than six minutes apart.

Nasta's second of the game was also the clincher at 4:32, as she emerged from a scramble in the slot and slipped the puck home. Capt. Jacqui Munro notched the assist.

Cairns made it 3-1 with an insurance goal on the power play at the 6:30 mark. Nasta fed Becky Johnson at the point and she passed to Cairns for a one-timer that eluded the Masco goalie.

Munro capped the attack by converting a Johnson pass at 10:23.

"Masco came at us and played a physical game right from the start," said McCarthy.

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WARRIOR BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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momentum-shifting shots.

"It was a physical game and our kids hung in tough."

Cosgrove followed Powers in the scoring parade with 15 points, while she also corralled six rebounds and passed out three assists.

Freshman guard Laura Renfro (three assists, two steals) scored all eight of her points in the first half, while Emily Pallotta (three assists, three steals) and Thomann added six points each.

Jessie Koffman tossed in two points and freshman forward Lauren Hughes had nine rebounds to go with a free throw and steal.

"Hughes played the final seven minutes of the game and grabbed several key rebounds at both ends of the court," said Tildsley.

Freshman guard Katelyn Caro also collected five rebounds.

Andover forced 30 turnovers, bringing its season total close to 300, and its long-range shooting was pivotal as the locals made 10 three-pointers to just two for the Hillies.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The surprising return of Casey Cosgrove, coupled with another highlight performance by Greg Vetrano, was almost enough to lift the underdog Andover High boys basketball team past Haverhill in their Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 showdown at the Dunn Gym.

But the Golden Warriors, leading by five with four minutes to play, couldn't hold on as the visiting Hillies battled back for a hard-fought 58-55 triumph.

That result broke the tie for first in MVC 1, leaving Haverhill at the top with a 6-1 league mark while Andover fell to 5-2.

Overall the locals are 8-5 and 7-4 in terms of Division 1 North Tournament qualification.

Junior guard Cosgrove scored 10 points in his season debut, after missing the first 12 games with a broken left arm suffered in a pre-season scrimmage game against Watertown.

He wore a protective brace and black elbow pad on the arm, and although not 100 percent

Cosgrove was effective.

The game also marked a return to the bench for head coach Dave Fazio, who had missed the previous three games because of gall bladder complications requiring surgery.

Schedule

Tomorrow night archrival Central Catholic comes to town (7:30 p.m.) for the latest installment in a longstanding rivalry.

AHS should then get a breather after three straight tough wars, playing three consecutive games against teams with losing records.

The locals are at Billerica next Tuesday, before wrapping up the regular season home schedule by hosting Methuen (Feb. 4) and Lowell (Feb. 8) at the Dunn.

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Scoring leaders

Greg Vetrano has pumped in 320 points in 13 games for a hefty 24.6 average.

With 15 points as a freshman and 118 last year as a sophomore, Vetrano has boosted his career total to 453.

With at least 30 regular season games, plus MIAA Tournament games, Vetrano is pretty much assured of becoming the second member of his family to score 1,000 career points provided he stays healthy.

He is also on a current pace to score 584 regular season points this year, and more than 600 if Andover qualifies for the tournament.

Brother Chris is the all-time AHS points leader, and the school's only 2,000-point scorer, having graduated last spring with 2,090 including 559 last year.

Bobby Hughes is also averaging in double figures with 154 points.

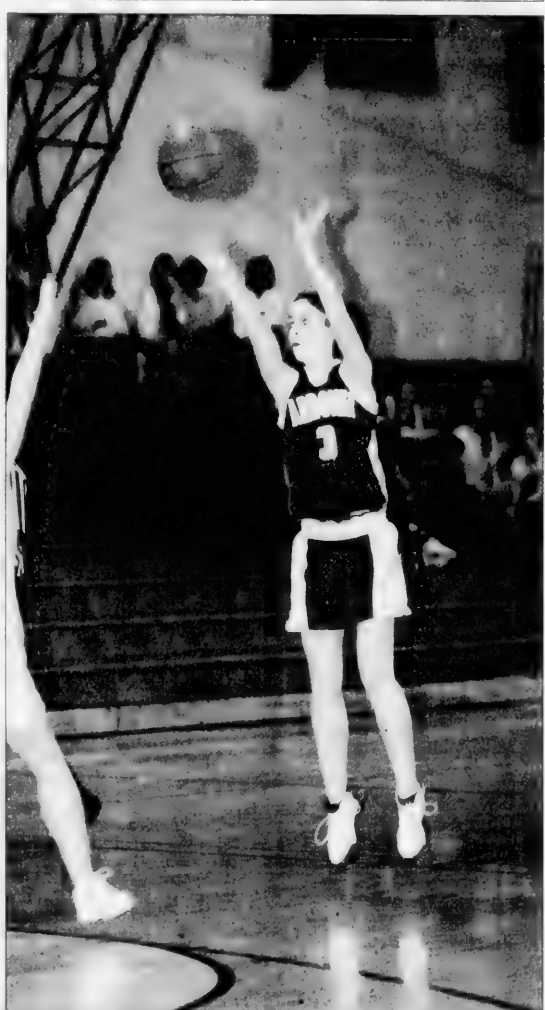
Haverhill 58

Andover 55

Coming off an emotional 85-82 overtime loss to Lawrence High in its previous game, Haverhill almost got picked off again.

The Hillies led 24-19 at the half - but with Vetrano, Cosgrove, Luis Carpio and Bobby Hughes leading the way AHS slowly took over and held a five-point lead with four minutes left.

Haverhill (11-2 overall) was not to be denied, however, as the



Three-point specialist Meghan Thomann (30 trifectas) shoots against Haverhill. The Lady Warriors prevailed, 58-50.

visitors fought back in a hostile gym and pulled out the victory.

Vetrano led all scorers on both sides with 28 points, 11 at the free throw line, and he also contributed six rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Cosgrove pocketed 10 points and passed out four assists, while Carpio finished with seven points and 10 boards.

Hughes tossed in six points and snagged seven rebounds, and solo baskets were netted by Steve Games and freshman forward Peter White.

Guards Matt Renfro and Tyler Carroll also played well for Andover.

Five players did all the scoring for Haverhill, led by Pare with 21 points and Santos 18.

Andover outscored the Hillies 17-13 at the free throw line, while Haverhill held a 20-18 edge in field goals including

5-2 from behind the arc.

Player of the Fortnight

This week's recipient of the Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight award is junior Greg Vetrano. Coach Dave Fazio has high praise for his contributions. "We've had some key people injured early this season, so it's been really important to us that Greg has stepped up and put the team on his shoulders. He's having an excellent season, and now that we're getting back to full strength, Greg will have a great chance to be of help to the team in additional ways. We're looking forward to his contributions."

The next Player of the Fortnight award, to a girls varsity player, will be announced next week.

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"We were not going to back down – and stepped up our hitting in the second period when there wasn't a full minute without a player from one team or both in the (penalty) box."

The game was punctuated by 17 minor penalties – nine whistled against Masco and eight on Andover.

"Once we got the lead in the third period we reeled it back and only took one penalty," said McCarthy.

Christina Cahill played the whole game in net as AHS enjoyed a wide 26-8 shooting edge.

"We had a ton of scoring opportuni-

ties," said McCarthy. "And Cahill made a couple of outstanding showstopping breakaway saves against Chapman in the third period."

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Freshman Christina Muccio and junior Katie Infantine placed first in two events each, and finished first and third respectively in the all-around, as the Andover High girls gymnastics team put up another big score with a 138.90 to 135.85 dual-meet victory over host Methuen.

The triumph kept coach Julie Chap-

man's squad undefeated at 5-0 this season, 4-0 in the conference, and stretched their multi-year dual-meet win streak to a 51 straight.

AHS hasn't lost a dual meet since Feb. 4, 1999 when Methuen edged the locals by a fraction of a point.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors can clinch at least a share of another MVC dual-meet title, its 10th in the last 14 years, by sweeping past this week's two strong opponents.

Last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, Andover hosted Chelmsford which is 4-2 overall (two straight losses) and 3-1 in MVC meets.

The Lions have two outstanding gymnasts in Robin Underwood and Christy Diminico – but lack Andover's depth.

Saturday night the locals will face co-leader Central Catholic, also 4-0 in the MVC and 5-1 overall (loss to Massconomet Regional) at Interstate Gymnastics (7 p.m.).

Earlier this week Central chalked up 140.10 points in a close win over Dracut.

Two victories would leave the Lady Warriors alone in first place with only one MVC meet left on Feb. 9 at home against Tewksbury.

Andover also has a pair of non-league meets remaining, both away from home, at Dual County League schools: Westford Academy (3-2) next Monday (4 p.m.) and Lincoln-Sudbury next Wednesday (7:30 p.m.).

The inaugural Coaches Invitational Meet is tonight (Thursday) at Northeast Gymnastics in Tewksbury.

Fortier mending

Senior Capt. Libby

Fortier, who suffered her second ankle injury of the season two weeks ago, was expected to return to the lineup last night against Chelmsford.

"She's doing very well rehabbing. Her progress is ahead of schedule," said coach Chapman.

If she did compete it was only expected to be on the uneven bars which put the least stress on the ankles.

Fortier, who rolled an ankle during an early-season practice, was nearly back to 100 percent when she did the exact same thing to the other ankle while working on a floor exercise routine during practice for her club (private) team.

"We'd love to have her in the lineup for Central, but obviously we wouldn't do anything to jeopardize her senior year or future in gymnastics," said coach Chapman.

"Right now it seems unlikely she will be able to do all-around competition during the rest of the high school season – but we'll see what happens."

Fortier appeared to be in the running for a berth on Team Massachusetts which will compete in the High School Nationals in May at DisneyWorld in Orlando, Fla.

Even with the injury she could still make the squad – assuming her recovery proceeds on schedule.

Andover 138.90
Methuen 135.85

This meet was a little scary because the Lady Warriors were outscored in the first event – the uneven bars – and still trailed by 1/10th of a point at the halfway mark.

But strong showings in floor exercise and on balance beam enabled Andover to pull away to the three-point victory.

"I'm just glad this one is over," said coach Chapman. "There were some problems with their bars and it turned into a fiasco for us. It's the first time I can remember us being outscored on bars. That's traditionally been our best event."

Christina Muccio scored a blistering 36.20 in her high school varsity debut as an all-around performer.

The talented freshman was first on bars with a 9.3, first in vault with a 9.25 in only her second competitive stab at the event, third in floor with an 8.9 and third on beam at 8.75.

Katie Infantine was tops in floor exercise with a career-best 9.25, first on

beam (9.1) and third in vault (8.65). She also scored 8.2 on bars for a 35.20 all-around total.

Sophomore Carly Verrette posted a career-high 9.0 in floor, finishing second, and she added an 8.3 in vault.

Senior Capt. Meghan Harrington was third on bars (8.5) and she also scored 7.6 on beam, while sophomore Becky Robichaud registered an 8.85 in floor and 8.7 on beam.

Competing in one event each were junior Sarah Coneeney (vault, 8.55), freshman Kathryn Sullivan (bars, 7.4), freshman Lauren Colby (beam, 8.0), senior AnnMarie Cashman (beam, 7.5), junior Steph Theroux (vault, 8.5), senior Lauren Reed (vault, 8.3), sophomore Renee Coiro (floor, 8.7) and sophomore Sarah Ignotz (floor, 7.0).

The turning point of the meet, according to coach Chapman, came when Katie Infantine stepped on the mat for her floor routine.

Two minutes earlier Katie was in a minor panic because she couldn't find her music. So she grabbed Alyssa Geary's music – which she had never heard and didn't have time to play.

"So she went into the routine blind, performing to unfamiliar music without any practice."

"That's extremely difficult to do," explained Chapman. "And every girl on the team knows Katie is the only one that could have pulled it off."

Not only did she pull it off – she won the event with that career-best 9.25 score.

"No one except our kids, coaches and some of the parents knew what was going on," said Chapman. "We were all in hysterics and the whole situation loosened everyone up."

"It was just what we needed. We scored a 36.00 on floor and took the lead in the meet for good."

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High boys swim and dive team had a double individual race win from senior Capt. Chris Mullen, and a state-cut performance from Capt. Jon Meltz in the 100 backstroke, but still dropped both ends of a Tuesday afternoon tri-meet against Chelmsford and non-league foe Acton-Boxboro at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

The double dip came by scores of 60.5 to 41.5 against Chelmsford and 54-48 to first-time opponent A-B.

Because it was a tri-meet the teams could enter only two competitors in

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ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL
(12 games)

| | FG | FT | Pts. |
|-------------------|----|----|------|
| Jackie Powers | 54 | 26 | 153 |
| Maggie Cosgrove | 51 | 8 | 127 |
| Meghan Thomann | 41 | 7 | 119 |
| Emily Pallotta | 24 | 9 | 60 |
| Laura Renfro | 19 | 0 | 54 |
| Katelyn Caro | 16 | 5 | 39 |
| Jessie Koffman | 14 | 6 | 34 |
| Brittany Moriarty | 14 | 0 | 31 |
| Kelly O'Dea | 8 | 6 | 22 |
| Jen Merinder | 10 | 0 | 20 |
| Sam Kerivan | 6 | 7 | 19 |
| Lauren Hughes | 7 | 3 | 17 |
| Sara Kelleher | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| Jessie Shields | 1 | 4 | 6 |

3-pointers: Meghan Thomann 30; Jackie Powers 19; Maggie Cosgrove 17; Laura Renfro 16; Brittany Moriarty 3; Emily Pallotta 3; Katelyn Caro 2.

BOYS BASKETBALL
(13 games)

| | FG | FT | Pts. |
|-----------------|-----|----|------|
| Greg Vetrano | 100 | 70 | 320 |
| Bobby Hughes | 69 | 16 | 154 |
| Luis Carpio | 28 | 12 | 68 |
| Steve Games | 23 | 6 | 55 |
| Peter White | 22 | 5 | 50 |
| Tyler Carroll | 12 | 5 | 31 |
| Matt Renfro | 11 | 5 | 31 |
| Casey Cosgrove | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| Tristan Shannon | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Ian Dempsey | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| Max Ball | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Sam Ball | 1 | 0 | 2 |

3-pointers: Greg Vetrano 50; Matt Renfro 4; Steve Games 3; Tyler Carroll 2; Ian Dempsey 2; Casey Cosgrove 1; Peter White 1.

GIRLS HOCKEY
(12 games)

| | G | A | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|------|
| Becky Cairns | 12 | 21 | 33 |
| Maria Nasta | 22 | 9 | 31 |
| Alison Burns | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Rebecca Lindmark | 5 | 11 | 16 |
| Liz Roda | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Ally Brown | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Becky Johnson | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Kristen Costagliola | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Heather Paonessa | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Jacqui Munro | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Kim Chandler | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Sarah Ostrofsky | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Danielle Paonessa | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Liz Sambuco | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Samantha Collins | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Amy Marlow | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Hat Tricks: Maria Nasta 2.
Shutouts: Christina Cahill 2; Cahill and Rachel Bergan 1.

BOYS HOCKEY
(8 games)

| | G | A | Pts. |
|----------------|---|---|------|
| Tucker Mullin | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Matt Colby | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| John Hyslip | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Joe Benedix | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| A.J. Drivas | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Phil Kim | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Mike LaMagna | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Colin Brennan | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Austin Gilbert | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Matt Quinlan | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Chris Seero | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Mike Ahern | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dan Godefroi | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Andrew Gatti | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Shutouts: Zack Frish 1.

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

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each event — instead of the usual three for a dual meet.

That's what kept the team scores lower and may have cost the Golden Warriors valuable points.

"I don't think the tri-meet format helped us," said AHS coach Mark Taffe. "We're a little deeper on the back end and that depth is what wins meets for us."

"But we did swim better today. The tri-meet is what it is. I'm glad we were able to compete against Acton-Boxboro. I've been trying to get them on our schedule for some time."

The two setbacks left Andover at 3-4 overall and 3-2 in the MVC.

The loss to Chelmsford cost the locals a chance to share the conference dual-meet title for the second straight year.

Chelmsford completed a sweep of AHS, winning 95-91 earlier this season, and at 5-0 in the MVC the Lions would have to lose two of their final three meets while Andover sweeps to create a tie for the top.

Schedule

Andover returns to the water tomorrow afternoon (Friday) with a 5:30 p.m. meet against Central Catholic at the Lowell High pool.

The dual-meet season wraps up with back-to-back competitions against Haverhill, Feb. 4 at home and Feb. 9 at Haverhill in the makeup of an earlier postponement.

Chelmsford 60.5
Andover 41.5

The locals were able to capture first in only three of the 12 events, Mullen winning the 50 free (23.41) and 100 free (51.62) while Jon Meltz posted his state-cut 59.56 time in the 100 back.

Individual second-place finishes went to junior Justin Samuels in the 200 IM (2:15.90) and the 100 breaststroke (1:12.13), junior Rob Medaglio (100 butterfly, 1:00.22) and sophomore Dave Espindle (100 backstroke, 1:03.10).

Meltz, Samuels, freshman Peter Saunders and Mullen placed second in the 200 medley relay (1:51.46).

Saunders, O'Donnell, freshman Christian Bishop and Medaglio were runners-up in the 200 free relay (1:43.87), and grabbing second in the 400 free relay were Mullen, Medaglio, Samuels and Meltz (3:35.50).

Freshman diver Aaron Davidovits finished third and qualified for sectionals with his 179.60 score. Fellow frosh Ryan Asoian was fourth with 140.15 points.

Freshman Peter Li had a personal-best, sectional-cut 54.94 clocking for third place in the 100 free.

Also garnering thirds for the locals were Meltz (200 free, 1:58.21), Saunders (100 fly, 1:03.41), Bishop (500 free, 5:25.84) and freshman Tim Russell (100 breaststroke, personal-best 1:13.96).

Sweeping third in the relays were the 200 medley foursome of Espindle, Russell, sophomore Oliver Scarborough and O'Donnell (1:56.84), the 200 free quartet of Espindle, Russell, Scar-

borough, Li (1:44.37) and the 400 free crew of Scarborough, Li, Bishop and O'Donnell (3:41.91).

Capping the AHS scoring with fourth places were Bishop (200 free, 2:00.78), Espindle (200 IM, 2:24.25), Saunders (50 free, 25.72) and Medaglio (500 free, 5:45.53).

Eric Sullivan led the way for Chelmsford (6-1 overall), which also beat Acton-Boxboro 58-44, with four first-place finishes.

Sullivan was tops in the 200 free (1:53.78), 500 free (5:00.15) and swam a leg for the victorious 200 medley and 400 free relays.

Acton-Boxboro 54
Andover 48

The Golden Warriors managed six first-place finishes against the Colonials (4-3), including Justin Samuels (200 IM), Chris Mullen (50 free), Rob Medaglio (100 butterfly) and Jon Meltz (100 backstroke).

Davidovits won the one-meter diving and the 400 free relay of Mullen, Medaglio, Samuels and Meltz touched first.

Contributing seconds were Meltz (200 free), Mullen (100 free), Christian Bishop (500 free), Dave Espindle (100 backstroke), Samuels (100 breaststroke) and the 200 medley relay of Meltz, Peter Saunders, Samuels and Mullen).

Thirds for AHS versus A-B went to Tim Russell (100 breast) and three relay teams.

Saunders was fourth in both the 50 free and 100 fly, Espindle in the 200

IM, Li the 100 free, Medaglio the 500 free and Asoian the diving.

Dan Ball won the 100 free, 200 free (1:56.20) and anchored the victorious 200 free relay (1:36.21) to spark Acton-Boxboro.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High boys varsity hockey team fell to 3-2-4 overall, including 0-1-3 in Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 play, following an 8-3 setback to Lincoln-Sudbury in a MV/DCL 2 game at

Valley Sports Arena in Concord.

A key division game last weekend with Tewksbury was postponed by the snowstorm, and at presstime no make-up date had been announced.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors hosted MV/DCL Division 1 Central Catholic in a league crossover game last night (Wednesday) after *Townsmen* presstime (weather permitting).

Saturday night Methuen comes to the Valley Forum in Lawrence for an 8 p.m. game. The Rangers battled to a 1-1 tie with Andover in the season opener Dec. 21.

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

ANDOVER 49, TEWKSBURY 37
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Kevin Iannetta (T) 6.5; 2. Adam Cuomo (A) 6.9; 3. Chns Cole (A) 7.0
50 DASH: 1. Chns Dietsch (T) 5.6; 2. Jeff Belardo (A) 5.8; 3. Jason Sheldon (A) 5.8
300: 1. Robert Kaufman (A) 35.6; 2. Pierre Hage (A) 35.9; 3. P.J. Farnham (A) 36.3
600: 1. Matt Camigan (T) 1:24.1; 2. Garrett Raynor (A) 1:24.4; 3. Jeff Little (T) 1:25.9
1000: 1. Peter Fortunato (T) 2:29.9; 2. Ben Ossoff (A) 2:31.8; 3. Eric Webb (T) 2:34.5
MILE: 1. Erik Taber (T) 4:51.2; 2. Jimmy Muller (A) 4:56.0; 3. Brian Tino (T) 4:59.6
2-MILE: 1. Dave Camoscio (T) 10:25.6; 2. James Primes (A) 10:29.4; 3. Pat Liagro (T) 10:42.7
HIGH JUMP: 1. T.J. Moore (A) 5'7"; 2. Kianetta (T) 5'6"; 3. Matt Reidy (A) 5'0"
SHOT PUT: 1. Kyle MacKenzie (A) 46'4"; 2. John Kim (A) 41'9"; 3. Chns Robbat (A) 36'8"
4x400 RELAY: 1. Andover (Cole, Kaufman, Belardo & Sheldon), 3:48.9
Records: Andover 1-0, Tewksbury 0-1.

ANDOVER 48, CHELMSFORD 38
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Chns Cole (A) 6.8; 2. Zach Perron (CC) 7.0; 3. Jim McDonald (A) 7.1
50 DASH: 1. Greg Bailey (C) 5.6; 2. Jason Sheldon (A) 5.7; 3. Jeff Belardo (A) 5.7
300: 1. Pierre Hage (A) 35.2; 2. Andy Maggio (C) 35.7; 3. Robert Kaufman (A) 35.9
600: 1. Mike Bordini (C) 1:24.7; 2. Garrett Raynor (A) 1:25.4; 3. Andy Boudreau (A) 1:25.6
1000: 1. David Dowd (C) 2:28.9; 2. Ben Ossoff (A) 2:31.8; 3. T.J. Reale (C) 2:33.3
MILE: 1. Mike Sweeney (C) 4:56.2; 2. Alex Dossin (C) 4:59.7; 3. Mike Sweeney (C) 5:01.4
2-MILE: 1. Jon Kalinoski (C) 10:08.0; 2. James Primes (A) 10:28.3; 3. Peter Brown (A) 10:42.6
HIGH JUMP: 1. T.J. Moore (A) 5'9"; 2. (tie) Matt Reidy (A) and Joe Burkett (C) 5'3"
SHOT PUT: 1. Kyle MacKenzie (A) 46'6 3/4"; 2. John Kim (A) 44'4 3/4"; 3. Erik Pichette (A) 41'6"
4x400 RELAY: 1. Andover (Sheldon, Kaufman, Hage & Belardo), 3:48.4

ANDOVER 57, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 29
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Chns Cole (A) 6.8; 2. Zach Perron (CC) 7.0; 3. Jim McDonald (A) 7.1
50 DASH: 1. Jason Sheldon (A) 5.7; 2. Alex Perry (A) 5.8; 3. Jeff Belardo (A) 5.8
300: 1. Andrew Grange (CC) 34.2; 2. Pierre Hage (A) 34.4; 3. Rob Kaufman (A) 34.8
600: 1. Garrett Raynor (A) 1:20.2; 2. Juan Calixto (CC) 1:20.9; 3. Matt Malloy (A) 1:21.5
1000: 1. Mike Bordini (C) 2:31.8; 2. Ben Ossoff (A) 2:33.4; 3. Mike Baldwin (A) 2:37.4
MILE: 1. Brian Ford (CC) 4:46.6; 2. Sasha Seletsky (A) 5:02.4; 3. Jim Muller (A) 5:12.2
2-MILE: 1. James Primes (A) 10:19.5; 2. Angus McDonald (CC) 10:34.3; 3. Peter Brown (A) 10:42.6
HIGH JUMP: 1. T.J. Moore (A) 5'7"; 2. Nate Baker (A) 5'7"; 3. Zach Perron (CC) 5'6"
SHOT PUT: 1. Kyle MacKenzie (A) 47'4 3/4"; 2. Mike Page (CC); 3. Steve Collins (CC)
4x400 RELAY: 1. Andover (Kaufman, Hage, Sheldon & Belardo), 3:45.0
Records: Andover 5-0, Central Catholic 1-3-1.

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

TEWKSBURY 52 1/2, ANDOVER 33 1/2
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Lauren Barbour (T) 7.4; 2. Meaghan Keefe (A) 7.5; 3. Brittany Pierce (A) 7.5
50 DASH: 1. Caroline Pierce (A) 6.6; 2. Stephanie Gaynor (T) 6.7; 3. Jen Hagopian (A) 6.8
300: 1. Colleen Fitzpatrick (T) 42.1; 2. C.C. Gaynor (T) 42.8; 3. Kate Nichols (A) 43.0

600: 1. Rachel Fox (A) 1:34.0; 2. Emily Korba (A) 1:35.1; 3. Stacey Ossinger (T) 1:37.3

1000: 1. Francis Hoffman (T) 3:08.0; 2. Shelby Leone (T) 3:08.1; 3. Kristine Moore (T) 3:14.4
MILE: 1. Caitlin Rose (T) 5:57.6; 2. Leslie Willey (A) 5:59.8; 3. Kara Busta (A) 6:14.7
2-MILE: 1. Sarah Bonomo (T) 12:43.1; 2. Lauren Ahern (T) 13:13.0; 3. Christy Night (A) 13:31.7
HIGH JUMP: 1. Barbour (T) 4'4"; 2. Jen Quinlan (A) 4'4"; 3. (tie) Kerry Hill (A) and Katie Conley (T) 4'0"
SHOT PUT: 1. Felicia Thompson (A) 34'1 3/4"; 2. Jenn Ducharme (T) 31'2 3/4"; 3. Sarah Thompson (A) 28'5 1/4"
4x400 RELAY: 1. Tewksbury (Fitzpatrick, Kristina Zontini, Barbour & Ossinger), 4:31.3
Records: Tewksbury 1-0, Andover 0-1.

CHELMSFORD 47, ANDOVER 39
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Missy Carr (C) 7.2; 2. Meaghan Keefe (A) 7.3; 3. Brittany Pierce (A) 7.4
50 DASH: 1. Caroline Pierce (A) 6.5; 2. Jen Hagopian (A) 6.6; 3. Marlee Berg (C) 6.8
300: 1. Jill Randolph (C) 41.6; 2. Kelly Bevis (C) 42.5; 3. Kate Nichols (A) 42.9
600: 1. Rachel Fox (A) 1:32.4; 2. Kelly Forsythe (C) 1:33.3; 3. Sarah Bicknell (C) 1:36.7
1000: 1. Michelle Piro (A) 3:00.0; 2. Kate Curran (C) 3:04.6; 3. Beth Pisanik (C) 3:06.3
MILE: 1. Meghan Curran (C) 5:29.5; 2. Kate Knowles (C); 3. Tina Kim (C)
2-MILE: 1. Alyssa Pisanik (C) 12:35.0; 2. Mary Burke (A) 12:58.6; 3. Christine Smith (C) 13:04.9
HIGH JUMP: 1. Berg (C) 4'6"; 2. Corinne Welch (A) 4'8"; 3. Kerry Hill (A) 4'4"
SHOT PUT: 1. Felicia Thompson (A) 33'9 1/2"; 2. Sarah Thompson (A) 29'2"; 3. Alyssa Lau (A) 26'8 1/2"
4x400 RELAY: 1. Chelmsford (Randolph, Forsythe, Carr & Berg), 4:21.4

BOYS BASKETBALL

HAVERHILL 58, ANDOVER 55
at Dunn Gym, Andover

Andover: — Welch 2-0-5, Cruz 3-1-7, Munoz 0-0-0, Pare 5-9-21, Santos 7-3-18, Whitley 0-0-0, Gooding 3-0-7, Davis 0-0-0 **Totals:** 20-13-58
Andover: — Greg Vetrano 8-11-28, Stephen Games 1-0-2, Matt Renfro 0-0-0, Casey Cosgrove 2-5-10, Luis Carpio 3-1-7, Tyler Carroll 0-0-0, Peter White 1-0-2, Bobby Hughes 3-0-6 **Totals:** 18-17-55
Halftime: Haverhill 24-19 **3-pointers:** A, Vetrano 1, Cosgrove 1, H. Pare 2, Welch 1, Santos 1, Gooding 1
Rebounds: A, Carpio 10, Hughes 7, Vetrano 6
Assists: A, Cosgrove 4, Vetrano 2, Santos 1, Vetrano 3
Records: Andover 8-5, 5-2 MVC 1; Haverhill 11-2, 6-1 MVC 1

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 58, HAVERHILL 50
at Haverhill High

Andover: — Jackie Powers 6-6-20, Meghan Thomann 2-0-8, Maggie Cosgrove 6-0-15, Brittany Monary 0-0-0, Jessie Koffman 1-0-2, Katelyn Caro 0-0-0, Emily Pallotta 2-1-6, Jen Merinder 0-0-0, Laura Renfro 3-0-8, Kelly O'Dea 0-0-0, Lauren Hughes 0-1-1, Sam Kenan 0-0-0 **Totals:** 20-8-58
Halftime: Andover 33-28 **3-pointers:** A, Cosgrove 3, Powers 2, Thomann 2, Renfro 2, Pallotta 1, H. Sullivan 2
Rebounds: A, Hughes 9, Cosgrove 8, Caro 5
Assists: A, Powers 8, Cosgrove 3, Pallotta 3, Renfro 3
Steals: A, Powers 5, Pallotta 3, Renfro 2, Hughes 1
Blocked Shots: A, Powers 2
Records: Andover 12-0, 8-0 MVC 1

YOUTH HOCKEY

Squirt 1's take Tewksbury tourney

In a sudden-death championship-game overtime period, the Andover Squirt 1s captured first place in Tewksbury's George Timmy Ernest Tournament, sponsored by the Lowell Lock Monsters.

Andover's first challenge during the tournament was against the host team Tewksbury.

Andover fell behind 2-1 after the first period, its only goal coming from David Belluchi, assisted by Jim Walsh. Andover turned it around with two second-period goals from Ryan Oteri, assisted by Jake O'Brien, Taylor Perkins and Ben Murphy. Tyler Weeks added a third goal assisted by Sawyer Rogers, Cam Johst and Mike Quinlan to round out the second-period scoring. Tewksbury managed only one goal in the second. Third-period action had David Belluchi notching his second of the game, with assists from Jim Walsh, Matt McIver and Pat O'Sullivan. Dan Prawdzik was the winning goalie for Andover, turning away 21 Tewksbury

shots.

The Andover kids skated to an easy 8-0 victory over Stoneham the next day. Two first-period goals by Jim Walsh started the scoring, thanks to assists by Pat O'Sullivan and Jake O'Brien. In the second period, Ryan Oteri was able to beat the Tewksbury goalie twice with assists going to Matt McIver, Sawyer Rogers, Ben Murphy and Tyler Weeks. Wrapping up the game with four third-period goals were Cam Johst, Pat O'Sullivan, David Belluchi and Tyler Weeks.

Andover faced off against Greater Lowell in the third game, leaving the ice with a 3-1 victory. Scoring for Andover were David Belluchi, Pat O'Sullivan and Ryan Oteri, with assists awarded to Mike Quinlan, Taylor Perkins and Ben Murphy.

In the championship game, Andover found itself head to head with Tewksbury for the second time in four days. Andover jumped in front with a 5-3 lead after two periods. Scoring for Andover were Ryan

Oteri and Cam Johst with two, assisted by Andrew Bruno and Taylor Perkins. Tyler Weeks and David Belluchi chipped in with two more goals, with helpers coming from Mike Quinlan and Jason Nawrocki.

Third-period action found Andover sitting back on their heels, which proved to be costly. Tewksbury was able to score three third-period goals to tie the game in regulation. The only goal for Andover came with 4:35 in the period from Andrew Bruno, assisted by Sawyer Rogers and Matt McIver.

That meant a sudden-death overtime would decide the contest. Andover Squirt 1 Dan Prawdzik was cat-like in net, keeping the opposition neutralized. With 6:30 remaining in OT, Andrew Bruno slipped a pass to Ryan Oteri, who was able to beat the Tewksbury defense and bury the puck for the win.

The tournament was played during the school vacation week at the Super Skills Rink in Dracut.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Sander Crosett of Andover, a junior at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, was recently accepted into the 2005 All-Eastern Music Festival as one of the finest high school vocalists in the Eastern seaboard states.

Crosett, who won his place after singing in the 2004 Northeast District Festival and the 2005 Massachusetts All-State Music Festival, will rehearse and sing in the All-Eastern concert in March in Baltimore, Md.

Three hundred young scientists were named semifinalists Jan. 12 in the Intel Science Talent Search, earning \$600,000 in total awards for themselves and their schools. Considered the "junior Nobel Prize," the Intel Science Talent Search is a pre-college science competition based in Santa Clara, Calif.

This year's semifinalists, including two students at Phillips Academy, will each receive \$1,000 in recognition of their achievement. In addition, each of their schools receives \$1,000 per semifinalist to enhance math and science programs. Massachusetts semifinalists include: **Krishna Gupta**, 17, of Phillips Academy; whose work was "Photochemistry of CH3OCCO and Dissociation of the Nascent CH3OCO Radical"; and **Vaishali Grover**, 17, also of Phillips Academy; "The Development of an Environmentally-Friendly Enzyme Based Antifouling System."

This year's semifinalists were selected from 1,600 entrants in 47 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Their research projects cover all disciplines of science including chemistry, physics, mathematics, engineering, social science and biology. The students range in age from 15 to 18, with females representing 50 percent of the total entries.

More than 100 top scientists from a variety of disciplines review and judge all Intel STS entries and examine each individual's research ability, scientific originality and creative thinking.

From the 300 semifinalists, 40 finalists will be announced this week. These students will take an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the Science Talent Institute where they will participate in final judging and compete for college scholarships totaling more than \$500,000. The winners will be selected and announced at a black-tie banquet March 15.

The Fenn School of Concord, Mass., announced its honor roll for the first term: **Alden French**, **William Notini** and **Andrew Richard**, all of Andover, received academic high honors.

Mixing messages – and cocktails

Students, parents explore the liquor-soaked party scene in *Spin the Bottle*

By Rita Savard

"Librarian by day. Bacardi by night."

The image above the slogan for rum liquor shows a sexy female form with an exposed stomach, slinky mini-skirt and cocktail in hand. Bacardi's ads – suggesting a temporary switch from the conservative – appear in hundreds of popular magazines and sprawl over billboards across the country.

From the silver-screen to magazines, the role popular culture plays in glamorizing alcohol is explored in *Spin the Bottle*, a 45-minute film featuring excessive drinking and high-risk behaviors among adolescents.

Already being viewed by Andover High School juniors and seniors as part of their health curriculum, the documentary will be available for parents to screen at the West Middle School next month.

While juvenile arrests for alcohol possession in Andover have declined dramatically since the 1980s, police say, teen drinking is still a real problem that parents need to address, especially before their children enter college.

Fifty percent of Andover High School students participating in an anonymous survey admitted to drinking alcohol. Approximately 400 students in ninth and eleventh grades filled out the in-school questionnaires that measure high-risk behavior. Among ninth-graders, 21 percent said they had tried alcohol in the past month, while half of all high school juniors admitted to drinking within a 30-day span.

Dave Nichols, co-health director at Andover High, says some statistics reveal an urgent need for parental intervention.

"If 35 percent of ninth-graders have been binge-drinking on a given night, where are their parents to check on them?" wonders Nichols. "You can blame the police or the schools but neither is responsible for checking up on your kid every night."

Part of the problem, says Diane Hender, president of Andover's Parent to Parent group, is that parents do not think alcohol or drugs will pose a threat to their kids.

"A lot of parents think, 'Not my kid, not in Andover,'" Hender says. "It's wonderful to place trust in your children, but that doesn't mean it's wrong to know where they are going and who they are spending time with."

Hender suggests that parents take their lead from kids, who are "excellent at networking" – and talk to other parents.

"If your child is going out with friends for the evening, or spending the night over at a friend's house, then you should

confirm those plans with other parents," Hender says.

By exploring the college party scene, *Spin the Bottle* shows the difficulties students have in navigating a cultural environment saturated with messages about gender and alcohol. Interviews with campus health professionals, and commentary from award-winning media critics Jackson Katz and Jean Kilbourne, offer a picture of how drinking impacts student health and academic performance.

The story behind alcohol's alluring public image is illustrated in deeper context with comments from students attending four colleges.

"All of our experiences of fun are built on alcohol," says one female college student interviewed in the film. "I

just started realizing there are other things to do."

Although teen drinking and driving have been curbed over the years, binge drinking on college campuses has not.

Excerpts from *Spin the Bottle* report that one in every three teens who drink will become dependent on alcohol and/or other drugs. The film also states that half of all date rapes on college campuses are alcohol-related. Most sexual assaults typically occur within the first six weeks of school.

Seductive media images, from box-office movie hits like *American Pie* to liquor companies' \$3 billion-per-year ad campaigns, all play roles in shaping gender identity, says Nichols, and nowhere is this link more cause for concern than on America's college campuses.

"Kids are getting so many mixed

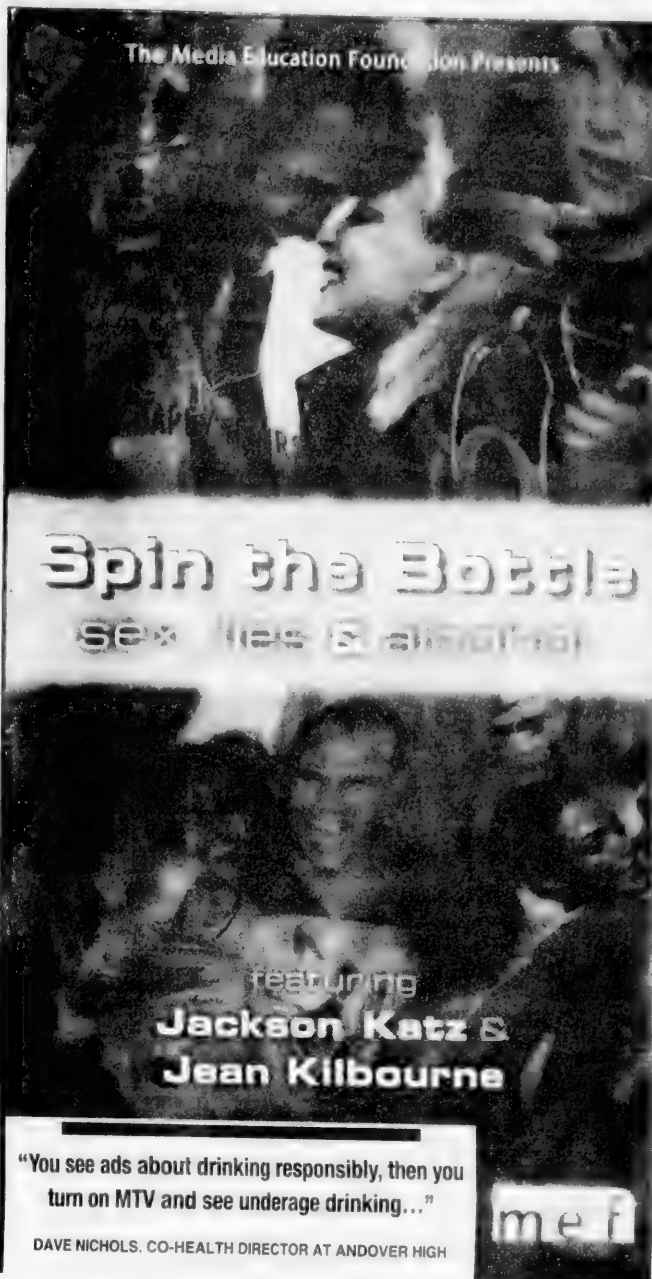
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Spin the Bottle will be shown in the Hart Room at West Middle School on Thursday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

"A lot of parents think, 'Not my kid, not in Andover.'"

DIANE HENDER, PRESIDENT OF PARENT TO PARENT



BOOK REVIEW

The End of The Beginning

BY AVI

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

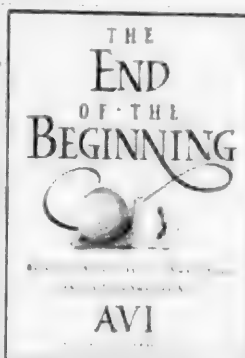
This week, 15-year-old Andover residents John and James review a book for young readers who enjoy stories that are "short and sweet," and relate to happiness and adventure.

The End of The Beginning by Avi, is a captivating story of "the adventures of a small snail, and an even smaller ant." The snail, Avon, has read countless tales of adventures. He realizes that, in each story, the creatures that complete a journey "live happily ever after." Soon he understands that the only way he can be happy is if he too has an adventure. So without further hesitation, he sets off. Just as he leaves his house, his neighbor, an ant named Edward, introduces himself and, upon hearing of Avon's journey, invites himself along. The two soon become the best of friends. Each

chapter brings a new humorous and original tale. Their adventures include convincing a mouse he is a dragon and teaching a cricket to sing a new song.

The End of The Beginning is reminiscent of such classic children's stories as *Winnie the Pooh*, and especially the works of Thornton W. Burgess. At the same time, *The End of The Beginning* brings Avi's own creativity into the mix. We recommend this to anyone who liked the books mentioned above, and in general, anyone who likes stories that are short and sweet.

Avi is a popular children's author and Newbery Medal winner. His other works include *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*, and *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, both of which are also worth reading.



In particular, this book is best suited for younger audiences, although in our opinion anyone will find it amusing and clever.

Avi is an author who has the ability to craft extraordinary worlds out of seemingly ordinary things. His writing is rich in description, and the reader will definitely have a hard time putting the book down.

We give *The End of The Beginning* a nine out

of 10. We can't think of a better book for young readers. Avi's smooth-flowing writing style and word choice, together with an interesting and meaningful plot, make this an excellent book.

So pick up a copy of *The End of The Beginning* by Avi as soon as possible.

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Wood Hill students named to first-term honor roll

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Alexander Lee
Matthew Levine
Justin Lippa

Lea Macheras
Glen Martin
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Ioannis Wallingford
Brett Welch

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George Cheng
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Zachary DeLuca
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Daniel Yuan

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Connor Benjamin
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Spin the Bottle packs a punch

LIQUOR ARRESTS

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images from watching adults drinking habits down to the heroes they look up to," Nichols said. "Look at a game like football, for example. The most memorable advertisements during the Super Bowl are most often for alcohol. Acceptable behavior is promoted with alcohol."

Out of the billions spent annually by liquor companies on ads, the film indicates that only a small fraction of that money is used for prevention messages. And those messages, experts say, are vague.

"You see ads about drinking responsibly, then you turn on MTV and see underage drinking promoted during spring break and on the reality shows," Nichols says. "None of it shows the dangerous behavior, like date-rapes, alcohol poisoning, violence and possible death that can be caused by excessive alcohol abuse."

"If 35 percent of ninth-graders have been binge-drinking on a given night, where are their parents to check on them?"

DAVE NICHOLS,
CO-HEALTH DIRECTOR
AT ANDOVER HIGH

hol abuse."

Last year, police reports document 25 minors arrested for transporting alcohol in Andover. Two of those arrests were juveniles under 16. The remaining 23 were ages 17 to 20.

But police detective Charles Heseltine warns parents that teens can often obtain alcohol right in their own homes.

"Many people have liquor cabinets inside their houses," Heseltine says, adding that police have responded to calls

where middle-school-aged students have skipped school to drink at a home while parents were at work.

"Be a parent, know where your children are going," urges Heseltine. "You're not there to be your kid's best pal. In the real world, that just doesn't work."

Nichols reminds people that there are a lot of kids who do not choose to drink. But talking to kids about drinking is the most important step in prevention.

"We know education delays use," Nichols says. "When we took away tobacco adds, we actually decreased smoking. It's time we tune in and pay critical attention to other social behaviors too."

► *Spin the Bottle (45 minutes) will be shown at West Middle School, Shawsheen Road, in the Hart Room at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 10. Parents and teens are encouraged to view the film.*

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Jan. 31-Feb. 4:

Elementary schools

Monday: Mozzarella sticks with fries, slice of pizza, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna with roll, baked chicken nuggets, pizza ring, yellow cake with frosting, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Steak and cheese pocket with fries, nachos with taco meat and cheese, personal pizza, corn, apple, salad bar with garlic bread and milk.

Thursday: Fish-and-chips, french toast sticks with hash browns, hot dog with hash browns, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Corn dog with fries, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, chicken caesar salad with roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Top your own tacos, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Fish-and-chips, chicken McSchool, chicken, broccoli and ziti with garlic sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla, french toast sticks with hash browns, stuffed crust pizza, fruit,

veggie and milk.

Thursday: Salisbury steak with mashed potato, two hot dogs with chips, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie, chocolate cake with frosting and milk.

Friday: Chicken and gravy over rice, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: French toast and sausage, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken and gravy over rice, lasagna, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Sloppy joes with fries, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, chocolate cake with frosting and milk.

Thursday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches with chips, spaghetti and meatballs, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Two tacos with salsa and rice, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

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Dr. Christopher R. Condon received his Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree from the world's largest chiropractic school, Life University in Marietta, Georgia. Dr. Condon was an active member of the

school's study club, Chiropractic Biophysics (CBP) and was an author of several articles on healthcare. Dr. Condon was the Editor-in-Chief of the university's school newspaper, The Elan Vital. While editor, Dr. Condon authored dozens of articles covering topics ranging from the study of various techniques to nutrition and exercise. Furthermore, also while a student, Dr. Condon used his experiences in patient education to publish an instructional manual for his fellow classmates in examining methods for better practice management and communication techniques. Due to clinical excellence, he was able to complete his clinical rounds while still in school, one year ahead of schedule.

In June 2000, Dr. Condon opened his first office, Andover Spine Center. Currently he is the owner and director of the clinic and is the chief doctor in the office completing thousands of patient examinations x-rays and office visits, personally, every year since the opening of the clinic. By 2004, Dr. Condon had established himself as one of the busiest chiropractic physicians in the Merrimack Valley and one of only approximately 15% of all practicing chiropractors to specialize in non-surgical spinal corrective care. Eliminating scoliosis, hump-back deformities, forward head carriage, etc., are the hallmark skills Dr. Condon offers his patients. Also, as a dedicated and enthusiastic fitness consultant, Dr. Condon uses his own experiences in athletics and bodybuilding to teach patients how to exercise and eat properly to enhance their spinal corrective care.

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Dr. Condon is a member of the American Chiropractic Association, International Chiropractic Association, Massachusetts Chiropractic Society, Massachusetts Society for Chiropractic Philosophy, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, and National Vaccine Information Center.

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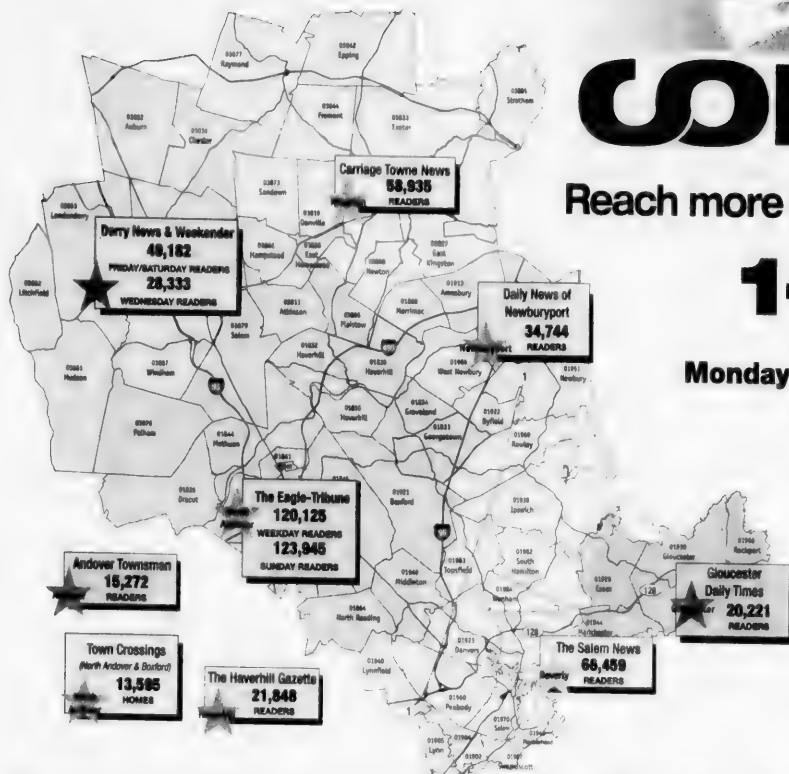


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Premises affected are located at 191 Woburn St., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 122 as Lots 51. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS January 20 & 27, 2005

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Premises affected are located at 60 Center St., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 157 as Lots 60A. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS January 20 & 27, 2005

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Premises affected are located at 110 Chestnut St., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 22 as Lots 27. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS January 20 & 27, 2005

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Premises affected are located at 0 Foster's Pond Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 122 as Lots 42. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS January 20 & 27, 2005

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Essex Division
Docket No. 00P1852EP1

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of **DURWARD B. IRELAND** late of ANDOVER, Essex County. You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the SUBSTITUTED FIRST AND FINAL account of GEORGE E. MITCHELL AND PETER R. WALSH as EXECUTORS - (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the **fourteenth day of February, 2005**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, JOHN C. STEVENS, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this tenth day of January, 2005.
Pamela Casey
O'Brien
Register of Probate
January 27, 2005

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

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Premises affected are located at 14 Henderson Ave., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 74 as Lots 73. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS January 20 & 27, 2005

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. 04P3170EP1

In the Estate of WALTER W. GLOWACKI AKA WALTER WILLIAM GLOWACKI Late of ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX Date of Death July 3, 2004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that MICHAEL BURKE of WINDHAM in the of STATE of NEW HAMPSHIRE be appointed executor named in the will to serve without surety. CATHERINE M. GLOWACKI, first named Executrix in said will, having deceased.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 7, 2005**.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, January 5, 2005.

Pamela Casey
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January 27, 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF A WASTE SITE CLEANUP PERMIT

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Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0770), an application for a Tier IC Permit Extension is being submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for this site on **January 31, 2005**. DEP issued a Tier IC Permit for this site on **June 24, 1996**. The application proposes to extend the permit term to **March 17, 2007** from the original expiration date of **March 17, 2005**.

♦ To achieve a response Action Outcome.

Once a site has been classified as Tier IC, a permit is required to proceed with a Comprehensive Remedial Response Process. Any one interested in reviewing the Permit Extension application should notify DEP by writing to **DEP, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, Permit Section at One Winter Street, Boston, Massachusetts by February 20, 2005**. If anyone notifies DEP of his/her interest in reviewing or submitting comment on the application, DEP will conduct a public comment review period of twenty (20) days which shall run concurrently with DEP's Initial Technical Review of the application. Anyone who fails to notify DEP in writing of his/her interest in reviewing or submitting comment on the application by the above date may be deemed to have waived his/her rights, if any, to appeal DEP's permit decision to intervene in an adjudicatory proceeding with respect to this application, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0770(2).

M.G.L.c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites. 1) The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403 and 2) upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information on the disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact **Glenn A. Carlson, LSP, Action Environmental, Inc., 17 Green Street, Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 893-9922.**

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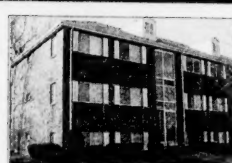
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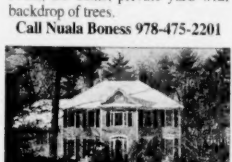
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